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Participants at Yiddish conference included [from left] CJC president Irwin Cotler, Elie Wiesel and Itzack Korn.

Kaplan reports on Nazis

By ANDREA PARKER

TORONTO — Solicitor-General Robert Kaplan believes that the only way alleged Nazi war criminals living in Canada can be punished is through extradition to another country.

He told the approximately 65 people who came to his constituency meeting at the York Woods Area Library in North York last week that the RCMP is currently investigating war criminals convicted in absentia in Holland.

He added that the Dutch government is not sure where these people are but last summer asked for assistance in finding them.

Kaplan said West Germany has also asked for help in locating the whereabouts of some war criminals. However, he would not reveal the number of people the RCMP is looking for.

And he refused to estimate when action will begin on extradition, saying it has taken West Germany eight years to begin a trial once a case has started.

Kaplan faced a barrage of questions from members of the North American Jewish Students' Network, the Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association and the Jewish Defence League over what they feel is his failure to take action against war criminals.

Moshe Ronen, Network chairman, asked Kaplan if he knew how many war criminals were living in Canada, but the solicitor-general would not reveal the numbers.

In an earlier interview with The CJN, Ronen said Kaplan received a list of 200 names of suspected Nazis living in Canada. The list came from Nazi hunter Simon Wiesenthal and was handed to Kaplan in Washington in 1980. Six of those listed are "major Nazis," such as camp commandants, and there is enough evidence to prosecute them, Ronen claimed.

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Review of the Israeli week

- *A series of gratifying diplomatic achievements*
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Editor's note: Because of the May 24 holiday, this issue of The CJN went to press early. This story reviews the highlights of the past week in Israel up to last Friday.

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JERUSALEM — Diplomats in Israel's foreign office were beaming last week after a series of gratifying events.

• Zaire, after a break of almost 10 years, re-established diplomatic relations with Israel and announced that its embassy would be located in Jerusalem.

• Costa Rica moved its embassy from Tel Aviv back to Jerusalem after having left the capital last year.

• The Council of Europe's political committee ignored Arab protests and gathered for a meeting in Jerusalem.

Zaire severed relations with Israel one day before the Yom Kippur War on the grounds that it had illegally occupied Egyptian territory. Zaire's president, Mobutu Sese Seko, had assured Israel he would resume relations once the Sinai was evacuated.

Israel called Zaire's decision an "important development." At one point, Israel maintained embassies in 22 African lands. Israel currently has relations with Malawi, Swaziland and Lesotho and has special-interest sections in foreign embassies in Gabon, Ghana, the Ivory Coast and Kenya.

Israeli trade with Africa is booming despite an absence of formal diplomatic ties.

Costa Rica's return to Jerusalem came within days of the inauguration of its new president, Luis Alberto Monge, whose wife is Jewish, and thus the first Jewish first lady in Latin American history.

The Costa Ricans moved their embassy to Tel Aviv after Israel promulgated the Jerusalem Law. The Israelis, reacting to the later Costa Rican move, expressed the hope that other friendly states would follow suit.

Howard Squadron, president of the American Jewish Congress, congratulated Costa Rica. In a message, he said:

"What it amounts to is that tiny Costa Rica has refused to be intimidated by the power of collective Arab treasuries. One can only hope that this demonstration of high integrity will provide example for other larger, wealthier, more powerful, but evidently less courageous countries."

Mira Koschitzky, chairman of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, sent congratulatory wires to the envoys of Costa Rica and Zaire in Ottawa — Pongo Mavulu and Jose Echeverria Villafranca, respectively. Other organizations which expressed their appreciation and congratulations included B'nai B'rith, ORT and Jewish War Veterans of Canada.

Sixteen of 21 members of the Council of Europe, which advises European governments, attended the meeting in Jerusalem. Portugal, Spain, Greece, Denmark and France stayed away.

The Israelis were pleased because the Europeans have advocated a diplomatic solution to the Arab-Israeli dispute which Israel finds unpalatable. The European Economic Community, for example, has called for the withdrawal of Israeli forces from occupied territories and for PLO "association" with peace talks.

There was no way of knowing whether the meeting presaged a change in EEC policy.

Meanwhile, Israel officially opened two new air bases in the Negev at Ramon and Ovda. Air force commander David Ivri called them the "most modern, possibly the best" in the world. They cost $1 billion to build.

The ruling Likud coalition barely survived a vote of no confidence in the Knesset after two members of Likud — Yitzhak Peretz and Amnon Linn-defected to the Labor Party. The vote was 58-57.

The coalition was saved by the abstentions of three members of small parites, Telem and Tehiya. The economy was the immediate cause of the motion. In April, the cost-of-living index rose by 10.7%.

Parley hears Yiddish thrives everywhere - even North Carolina

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL — **The reports coming in from around the world were enough to make even the most nervous Yiddishist kvell: Yiddish is alive and well and living in Panama, Finland, Australia, Charlotte, N.C. and the list goes on . . .**

Born and raised in Eastern Europe, immigrating to New York and Montreal, Yiddish — "the Robin Hood of languages" — has not so much come of age but is showing signs of actual rejuvenation in the remote parts of the globe where Ashkenazi Jews have wandered. This was the overwhelming message at the plenary assembly of the World Council on Yiddish and Yiddish Culture which was held here recently.

Lest anyone think this is a bit of bravado, the last hurrah, so to speak, from a small, aging group living in a sentimental past, the concrete evidence is there for all to judge.

First of all the attendance: more than 300 delegates came, 200 of whom were from 16 countries outside North America. The big names were there too, like Elie Wiesel Isaac Bashevis Singer and near-equal giants in the Yiddish world. Canadian delegates arrived from Vancouver, Winnipeg, Toronto, Hamilton, Ottawa as well as Montreal.

In numbers and breadth of international representation, the Montreal conference far outdid the previous two meetings of the World Council in Israel. In fact, it more closely resembled the initial International Congress on Yiddish in Jerusalem in 1976, which gave birth to the Council.

Aside from the official delegates, the community turned out in droves for those events open to the public. Arthur Lermer, chairman of the local arrangements committee, estimates that close to 1,200 people came to a Saturday night symposium on the spiritual heritage of Eastern European Jewry at the Jewish Public Library to hear personalities like Samuel Pisar, the noted lawyer from Paris, speak with their heart about Yiddish.

It was a repeat of the night before when Isaac Bashevis Singer read from his works at an Oneg Shabbat.

In North Carolina, the Charlotte Yiddish Institute has become the focal point for a Jewish community of 4,000 since it was established four years ago, said two of its founders, Baila Pransky, a native of Boston, and Cuban-born Rose Luski.

Its activities include an all-Yiddish retreat in the mountains attended by persons from different parts of the United States, and a traveling Yiddish library and theatre. Proceeds go to pay for subscriptions to the Jewish Daily Forward and a paper for young people called Jungtruf, which are sent to as many Jewish homes in Char-

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Rene Levesque voices his views in wide-ranging radio interview

MONTREAL — Premier Rene Levesque will give his views on Israel, anti-semitism and the Jews of Quebec in a wide-ranging interview on CBC Radio May 31 with Victor Teboul, director of the Quebec Branch of the Canada-Israel Committee.

Taped in the winter, the interview shows that Levesque has serious reservations about Israeli government actions, although his support for the existence of the Jewish State is firm, said Teboul.

The premier expresses concern for Palestinian rights and hints at the need for a Palestinian state. He also reveals a knowledge of and sensitivity to the historical roots of anti-semitism but at the same time "remains convinced of his own objectives in Quebec even though we might not agree with them."

The hour-long interview will be broadcast at 5 p.m. on French-language CBF-FM 100.7. It is the last program in the 14-part series La Communaute Juive du Quebec, hosted by Teboul.

Levesque speaks first about how it felt to be among those present at the liberation of the Dachau concentration camp, (he was a war correspondent attached to the U.S. army) and why so many French-Canadians were opposed to fighting in World War II, which they regarded as a foreign war.

On Israel, Levesque says the Quebec public's earlier favorable image of Israel began to decline with the Suez crisis in 1956.

Israel's future is "tied with the fact of having to live with its neighbors" with whom it has to "get on the same wavelength," says Levesque. This includes "an equitable solution of the Palestinian problem." The achievement of such a solution, he adds, will be "difficult" with the Begin government.

When asked why he had never taken part in a local Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration, Levesque, by way of reply, mentions a telegram he sent to Begin — presumably last year — offering his congratulations on Israel's anniversary but stating that the Palestinians must have an "equitable parallel existence," if the problem is to be solved. Begin, according to Levesque, wrote back his thanks, adding that the problem to which the Quebec premier had alluded has been solved.

Of Lionel Groulx, the leader of French-Canadian nationalism in the 1930s, about whom there has been much discussion lately in the French media because of his perceived anti-semitism, Levesque comments that Groulx was an "historian of eminent talent."

"Some elements of his vocabulary may be outdated."

Nevertheless he remains a monument . . . he worked hard to awaken our society which was done, on the whole, in an intelligent manner."

The anti-Jewish remarks in some of Groulx's writings, says Levesque, were associated with a "folklore" of his times which was latently anti-semitic and unacceptable today.

To a question on Quebec Jews today who feel they will still not be accepted as Quebecois even though they speak French, Levesque responds that they are "completely off the track if they believe that."

The choice of whether to be a Canadian or a Quebecois first, he continues, is up to the individual and should not be a collective decision of the Jewish community.

An independent Quebec, Levesque thinks, would have an embassy in Israel "but we will have to decide where." An independent Quebec however would not have a high profile internationally and would attempt to be known as a peace-loving nation, he said.

The Jewish community of an independent Quebec would be neither "encouraged nor discouraged" from keeping its links with Israel, says Levesque. He says it would be "inevitable and normal" for Jews to feel "torn" between their loyalties to Quebec and Israel.

The complete transcript of the interview will be published in the summer issue of Jonathan, the CIC's French-language magazine, edited by Teboul.

SBC's English theatre closes at end of season

MONTREAL — "Save our Saidye!" read some of the notes attached to the $1 and $2 donations pouring into the YM-YWHA since it was announced last week by President Philip Greenberg that the Saidye Bronfman Centre's English professional theatre will close at the end of the current season, Sept. 30, for financial reasons.

But even if someone came forward with a check to cover the theatre's projected deficit for 1982-83 of $115,000, Greenberg said, it is unlikely that the theatre will be kept open. He said the decision of the Y board of directors was to close the theatre officially for the 1982-83 season only, but he indicated that the measure is a permanent one.

"We have done everything possible to try to find a way to keep operating the theatre, to try to pare down expenses . . . but it's unrealistic to think any English theatre can operate in the black today." The board, however, will remain open to suggestion.

The theatre has been a losing proposition for the Y for a number of years. The Y, itself, has just come through serious financial problems in its overall operations.

Greenberg said that the theatre reached a peak in annual subscription sales three years ago at 5,000. By this season, the amount had dropped to 1,600, and attendance has been 70% of the 275-seat theatre's capacity. Meanwhile theatre production costs have skyrocketed (the SBC puts on five plays a season.) The deficit for this fiscal year was $83,379.

As early as January, Greenberg said, it had become apparent to the Y board that the association could not continue to keep the theatre afloat.

The hiring of a new artistic director, Per Brask, two years ago and a marked improvement in the quality of the productions have evidently not erased in the public's mind the memory of the "very poor" theatre offered by the SBC in earlier years, said Greenberg.

Brask resigned late last month — two weeks before the board's decision — to accept a position at the University of Winnipeg. Eight other jobs will be lost with the closure.

Eric Poznansky, chairman of the SBC Theatre committee, said that he and his committee have been opposed to the closure. Such alternatives as moving the Theatre to the recently vacated Monkland or soon-to-be-closed Snowdon Cinemas — in effect severing its ties to the Y — have been considered by the committee.

The announcement of the closure came as sad news not only to the Jewish community but to the entire English-speaking population as well.

The Saidye Bronfman Centre, which adjoins the main Y Snowdon building and is one of the Y's six branches, was a gift to the Y from the Bronfman family in 1967 in honor of Saidye Bronfman's 70th birthday.

It has grown from a modest theatre in a Jewish community centre, partly by its own merits and partly by attrition, into the second major English professional theatre in Quebec.

Whether the Bronfman family will or even should come to the rescue of the theatre is unclear. According to Greenberg, the Bronfman family was informed of the decision in favor of closure but not in such a way as to suggest a request for money.

Neither was the government asked to bail out the theatre, he said. This year federal and provincial government grants totaled $192,000. The Bronfman family also gives a "handsome" annual sum for the maintenance of the centre.

The rest of its support has come from the Y, whose $5.5 million annual budget comes mainly from its membership fees and from Allied Jewish Community Services.

"The Jewish community is having to pick up the cost of services that have received cutbacks from the government — hospitals, social services, care for the poor and the elderly. This is the pot in which we are competing; the community has other priorities," said Poznansky.

The Y cannot turn to its own corps of supporters because only two years ago it completed a capital fund campaign for $4.26 million payable over a 5-year period, said Greenberg. The first $1.8 million collected went to pay off the Y's accumulated deficit. The next major expenditure will be a complete renovation of the Snowdon branch's Phys. Ed. facilities.

"It would be very inappropriate for us to go to the well on a continuing basis," said Greenberg.

Other programs of the SBC will continue to operate normally. These include the school of the performing arts, school of fine arts, courses in Judaism and adult education, an art gallery and the Yiddish Theatre. The theatre will continue to serve as a location for lectures and variety shows.

The two remaining plays in the current season, Rexy: (June 24-July 24) and Hedda Gabler (Aug. 12-Sept. 11) will be staged as scheduled.

Synagogue serves 2,400 families

Judy Carr will head Beth Tzedec

By FRANK RASKY

TORONTO — **Judy Feld Carr will be officially installed on May 29 as new president of the Beth Tzedec Congregation here.**

She is believed to be the first woman in Canada — and possibly in North America — to be elected president of a Conservative synagogue.

It's indisputably the largest synagogue of its kind in North America. It looks after the spiritual needs of 2,400 families, or more than 7,000 persons all told. And Mrs. Carr expects to put in a minimum of 40 hours a week handling her volunteer, non-paid job.

"I'm not fazed, though," said the 43-year-old feminist, a cheery dynamo who stands 5-foot-3 tall, cooks gourmet kosher dishes for a family of five children and her lawyer husband Donald Carr, and is a remarkably versatile music teacher trained to play every instrument in an orchestra.

"I'm a doer rather than a talker," she said, relaxing during a good-humored interview last week. "I'm a perfectionist. I'm a stickler for details. And I'm determined to push through successfully whatever project I tackle.

"My father used to say: 'Judy, you're just like me. You never give up!'"

She inherited from him the spirit of a pioneering trailblazer as well as a persuasive gift of language. Her father, still going strong at 84, was famous throughout the Ontario northland as Trader Jack Leve.

Judy Feld Carr

Operating out of an independent fur trading post in North Bay, and later in Sudbury, Ont., he'd travel by dog team or birchbark canoe up as far north as James Bay, buying beaver, mink and silver fox pelts from the Indians. Young Judy would often accompany him on these trips, and he'd regale her with yarns about his adventures.

He'd tell what it was like meeting Archie Delaney, the buckskinned Englishman masquerading as Grey Owl: "An excellent trapper and fine fellow when sober, but a thoroughgoing rascal when drunk . . . which was a good deal of the time."

Or how he used to carry pistols like a sharpshooter in the cowboy movies: "I only used them once to nab two guys who'd robbed me of two bales of skins."

Or of his fierce rivalry with the Hudson's Bay Company fur traders: "In a word, it was vicious. Tooth-and-fang."

Of her father, she says nostalgically: "He was a fantastic storyteller. And he was a great expert on Italian opera. He inspired me to get my Master's degree in music at the University of Toronto."

She says there was just one thing about her father's profession that distressed her — the odor of raw furs.

"It didn't seem to bother my dad," she says. "He'd begun as a kid in a New York fur factory, performing the unsavory job of degreasing skunk for $3.50 a week.

"But I couldn't stand coming home from cheder and finding beaver all over the cellar. They'd be hanging with their kishkes cut out. Or else the pelts would be stretched out on the floor in racks to dry. Phew!"

She appreciated, though, her parents' unswerving devotion to Judaism. Her father visited Israel as early as 1948 and was president of the Shaar Hashamayim Synagogue in Sudbury. There were 50 Jewish families in town, enough for her mother to be actively involved with a Hadassah chapter.

Judy helped organize a Young Judaea club as part of the Zionist youth movement, and was the first 13-year-old girl in Sudbury to celebrate a bat mitzvah.

The synagogue was quite primitive. "It sat beside the railway tracks, and whenever a train came rumbling in, the synagogue would shiver and shake," she recalls with amusement. "And if it happened to catch you in the middle of the service, the congregation would have to sing out a lot louder to compete against the roar of the engine."

To put it mildly, the Beth Tzedec at 1700 Bathurst St. is a bit more opulent.

Her duties require her involvement with two rabbis (Rabbi J. Benjamin Friedberg and his new assistant, Rabbi Larry Troster), three cantors, an executive director, an executive vice-president, and a large staff of secretaries, gardeners, security officers and the like.

It's not that she's a stranger to the administrative side of things. She has worked her way up through the synagogue hierarchy — as first and second vice-president; chairman of the board for 1½ years; and a member of the board for 10 years.

"I realize I must tread careful., on feminist issues," she says. "I've long been a champion of equal pay and rights for women. At the same time, I respect Conservative traditions. For centuries, the synagogue was a male preserve. It was run by men, and women's place was in the home. I'm trying to make progress . . . but diplomatically."

She has likewise had to be a discreet strategist in her role as chairman of the Canadian Jewish Congress National Committee for Jews in Arab Countries. She has performed this function through a fund established at Beth Tzedec in memory of her late first husband, Toronto physician Dr. Ronald Feld. It's an activity that's meaningful to her.

"I've read all the books I can on Jewish history and their survival," she says. "I've been called tough by some, because I know what it means to be a survivor. I was a widow at 34, with three babies to raise, and I needed all the toughness of spirit at any command.

"My father was right when he said I never give up. I intend never to give up in providing a Jewish heritage to my children and rescuing my fellow Jewish survivors in Arab countries."

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Christian Century calls for review of church's liturgy

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

As readers of this column know by now, I regularly read some religious journals of non-Jewish denominations. They range from Dharma World (written from a Buddhist perspective) to The Christian Century, the magazine of mainstream liberal Protestanism. The latter has been in existence since 1884 and has had a significant influence.

Rabbi Plaut

The current editor of the Century is James M. Wall who is a fine journalist, a perceptive analyst of international and social affairs, and last but not least a good and solid friend of Israel and the Jewish people.

During the last several years he has brought to his readers a series of articles which have aimed at creating a greater appreciation of Jews and the Jewish faith. Recently, for instance, he published two articles by Werner Weinberg, professor of Hebrew Language at Hebrew Union College — Jewish Institute of Religion, who in a most moving fashion shared with his readers the sentiments of a survivor of the Holocaust.

The May 5 issue of The Christian Century contains a lead article by Carol D. Evans, associate professor of religious studies at the University of South Carolina, entitled The Church's False Witness Against Jews. Its thesis may be garnered from its opening paragraph:

"Christian theologians, biblical scholars and church historians are becoming increasingly aware of the necessity to rethink what they do in light of Jewish theology, history and exegesis . . . Christian theology has been wrong about Israel, the people of God, and therefore to that extent wrong about the God of Israel."

Or this:

"It is commonly believed that Judaism is (nothing but) a biblical religion, the religion of what Christians call the 'Old Testament.' Here one fundamental error already has been made, and a second is bound to follow. The first is the failure to recognize that post-biblical developments dramatically transformed the character of the Jewish religion. There emerged, roughly contemporaneous with the rise of early Christianity, what is known as rabbinic Judaism. . . . It is from these rabbinic materials about which most Christians know so little, that Judaism today draws its inspiration and instruction for faith and practice."

Evans then goes on to say that another major error of the traditional Christian approach to Judaism has been to interpret even biblical materials in the light of Christian theology. "Is it any wonder," he said, "that Judaism is misrepresented by so much of what we say about it?"

He continues: "It is believed by many that Judaism at the time of Jesus was stagnant, rigid and spiritually empty. To that extent that this view is represented in our preaching, in our teaching, in our liturgy, in our curriculum, we are bearing false witness. . . . By any standard the Judaism of the first century was vibrant, exciting, diversified and spiritually alive. Had this not been the case, the Jewish sect later known as Christianity would not have emerged. Indeed much of that which is cherished in Christianity today is a by-product of the rich spirituality that gave birth to rabbinic Judaism."

The article then goes on to bring extensive examples from various Midrashic sources to indicate the vitality and depth of the Jewish spiritual approach and castigates traditionalists with their narrow, prejudicial interpretation of our faith.

Finally Evans suggests a number of ways by which Christian churches may begin to modify their erroneous teachings. It is not enough, in his view, to adopt pious statements which decry anti-semitism. A full and thorough review of Christian liturgy is needed. He ends his impassioned exposition with this plea:

"In essence I am inviting pastors and congregations to join in the new awakening which is already occuring in many circles. Lest the obvious be overlooked, let me add that wherever possible Christian-Jewish dialogue groups for both laity and clergy should be established. We must cease our false witness for the sake of the church's integrity and in fairness to our Jewish neighbors."

Amid all the bad news that assails our ears and minds during these days there are some rays of sunshine, and Evans' article as well as the whole direction of The Christian Century are amongst them.

12 CENTURIES AT THEIR FINGERTIPS

Twelve centuries of rabbinic decisions on human relations, medical issues and government responsibilities, stored at Bar-Ilan University in Israel, are now available in North America through a computer terminal at Chicago's Institute for Computers in Jewish Life.

Axworthy tells Canada's Jews to help refugees of all faiths

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

An appeal to the Jewish Immigrant Aid Service and other private agencies to take an active part in helping refugees of all faiths and origins to integrate successfully in Canada was made here by Lloyd Axworthy, federal minister of employment and immigration.

Speaking at the annual meeting of the Toronto region of JIAS at Temple Sinai, Axworthy said there must be a counter force to the pressures, some of them economic, building against admission of political refugees to Canada.

"As the minister responsible I am right at the centre and I can see the pressures building," he said.

The minister said he was concerned that Canadian public opinion should not follow in the wake of that in United States where the public lost patience with the lack of planning to integrate the thousands of migrants from the Caribbean.

In thanking Axworthy, Gordon Kaufman, executive director, said the challenge will not go unrecognized and will be on the agenda of the next JIAS meeting. "In the immediate past JIAS has met its responsibilities, we have helped in the Vietnamese situation and we are also helping the Canadian Polish Congress," he pointed out.

The minister was loudly applauded by the audience of 350, 200 of them recent immigrants from Russia, when he offered a partnership between the federal government and private agencies such as JIAS "in bringing to Canada, the Falashas of Ethiopia and persecuted Jews in Argentina."

He elaborated on his government's new policy of defining persecuted minorities in a broader way than in the past, stating that victims of economic and social pressures, as well as of political persecution, will be eligible for admission to Canada.

"This will give us a chance to correct the grievous error we made in the 1930s," he said, referring to the refusal of Canada to admit Nazi victims. "I'm sure it will never happen again in Canada." Loud applause greeted this statement as well.

Special greetings were brought by Berta Soroka, vice-president of the Association for Soviet Jewry in Canada, and Leon Oziel on behalf of North African Jewry. Oziel said he came to Canada in 1957 at the age of 19, and later sponsored his mother, brothers and other relatives. "My feelings for Canada now, 25 years later, are stronger than ever before."

In the same vein, Liliane Fenik, one of the first Moroccan Jews to arrive in Canada in 1957, said she has developed a deep love for Canada. "I would not choose any other country but Canada," she said. "Toronto is a beautiful, clean and well organized city, I love it." Mrs. Fenik said she came to Canada with her parents, and eight brothers and sisters.

The Toronto Jewish Congress has reversed its decision to divest itself of responsibility for integration of Russian Jews and has agreed to continue funding for the program. This was disclosed by Lawrence Band, JIAS vice-president, delivering the president's report in the absence of Dr. Harold Ashley.

Illustrated plaques in recognition of their service to JIAS were presented by Hyman Rosenfeld, past president, to Joseph Kerbel, Jack Kosoy, Gordon Mendley, Henry Papernick and H. Max Swartz.

The Jack Shindman Memorial Scholarship Award was presented by Sheldon Sper, honorary secretary, and Mrs. Jack Shindman to Rita Greenberg, a 4th year student in marketing at University of Toronto.

In presenting the treasurer's report, Donald L. Grant said that if Russia opens the gate once again to permit Jews to emigrate, JIAS will find the money needed to look after their settlement in Canada.

A new feature for a JIAS annual meeting was the translation into Russian by Mila Voihanski, a JIAS resettlement worker, of significant statements made by Axworthy and others.

Others taking part in the program were Joseph G. Casse, JIAS national president, and Joseph Kage, executive vice-president.

Tobie Taback, assistant executive director of the Toronto region, who is retiring in September after 49 years with the agency, was seated at the head table and singled out for special mention.

Mayers to head JNF of Canada

MONTREAL

Alexander (Bobby) Mayers of Montreal was recently elected national president of the Jewish National Fund of Canada at the annual meeting in Jerusalem of Keren Kayemeth Le'Israel (JNF). He succeeds Eric Exton of Toronto, who was named honorary president.

Alexander Mayers

An architect, Mayers has previously served JNF as treasurer and vice-president. The former president of the Montreal JNF board, Mayers was chairman of the "Rebuilders of Jerusalem" program, and is currently national chairman of the Galil Canada project.

Deeply involved in community life since his youth, Mayers was general chairman of the 1981 Montreal Combined Jewish Appeal, and serves on the board of the United Israel Appeal, Canadian Technion Society, Canadian Friends of Haifa University, and Allied Jewish Community Services.

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Protest revocation of degrees

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

A group of Quebec scientists has sent a letter to the president of the Soviet Academy of Science protesting the revocation of the degrees of seven prominent Soviet scientists for dissident activities. Five of them are Jewish Refuseniks.

The petition to A. P. Aleksandrov was signed by 39 local scientists who attended the first meeting of the newly-formed Committee of Concerned Scientists, Quebec Region, held recently at the Ecole Polytechnique of the Universite de Montreal. Nobel Laureate Dr. Gerhard Herzberg, head of the National Research Council in Ottawa, is honorary chairman of the committee.

The Soviet scientists named as having lost their degrees, either Doctorates or Candidates (another advanced Soviet degree) since 1980: Victor Kipnis, Valery Soyfer, Mikhail Rabinovich, Simyon Katz, Yuri Medvedkov, Olga Medvedkova, and Alexander Paritsky.

"According to all internationally accepted standards, the awarding of academic degrees is in recognition of proficiency and achievement in a given course of study and scholarly research," the petition reads.

"How then is it possible to rescind such a degree once it has been conferred? Are we to assume that holders of advanced degrees in the Soviet Union are so honored for reasons other than scholarly achievement?"

The committee asked that a full investigation be made by the Academy and more information be made available on the circumstances surrounding the revocation of the degrees of dissident scientists.

The meeting was called a "scientific seminar-in-exile" and was held on a Sunday afternoon as a sign of solidarity with dissident Soviet scientists who used to gather in a similar manner before a crackdown by the government. Some scientific groups still meet underground in Moscow and Leningrad and serve as an opportunity for scientific exchange for their members who have been cut off from the scientific community.

Reporting on these groups were two Montreal professors who returned this month from Moscow where they visited with dissident scientists and took part in their clandestine seminars. They are Drs. Arthur Yelon, physics professor at the U de M, and Adi Eisenberg, chemistry professor at McGill University.

Since the arrest of Victor Brailovsky in November 1981, Soviet authorities have virtually stopped the Sunday seminars.

The chairman of the U de M meeting was Dr. Rene Simard, scientific director of the Institut de Cancer de Montreal and former president of the Medical Research Council of Canada. He deplored the suppressing of intellectual freedom in the Soviet Union and the tight rein kept on exchanges between Soviet scientists and their Western counterparts, both locally and abroad.

Yelon reported that some dissident Soviet scientists have been demoted or dismissed from their professional positions, have been refused access to scientific libraries and laboratories, and have been denied the right to publish their research. Others have even been imprisoned or placed under house arrest, suffering lengthy interrogations, searches and surveillance.

The participants were also shown a videotape of the ABC television interview conducted by David Brinkley with physicist Mark Y. Azbel, a Soviet Jewish professor at Tel Aviv University currently lecturing at the University of Pennsylvania, and Christian evangelist Billy Graham about the state of religious freedom in the Soviet Union.

Azbel sent his greetings by telegram to the Montreal meeting.

A total of 42 scientists attended, of whom 27 signed up to join the Committee of Concerned Scientists.

WJC to address assembly

NEW YORK —

The World Jewish Congress, representing the Jewish communities of 67 nations, will address the General Assembly of the United Nations when it holds its special session on disarmament. WJC President Edgar M. Bronfman is scheduled to speak before the assembled gathering of world leaders and national representatives on June 25.

The special session on disarmament is the second such meeting of the General Assembly on the subject and was called for at the time of the first Session in 1978. That session noted: "Removing the threat of a world war — a nuclear war — is the most acute and urgent task of the present day. Mankind is confronted with a choice: we must halt the arms race and proceed to disarmament or face annihilation."

The session will be held from June 7 through July 9.

Last month President Ronald Reagan announced he would address the special session and invited Soviet Premier Leonid Brezhnev to likewise do so. Prime Minister Menachem Begin is also expected to speak before the Assembly and the Vatican will be represented by its secretary of state, Cardinal Agostino Casaroli, who is to deliver a special appeal on behalf of Pope John Paul II.

The preparatory committee for the special session, currently meeting at UN headquarters, has extended the invitation for the WJC to address the Assembly in its capacity as an accredited international organization with consultative status at the UN.

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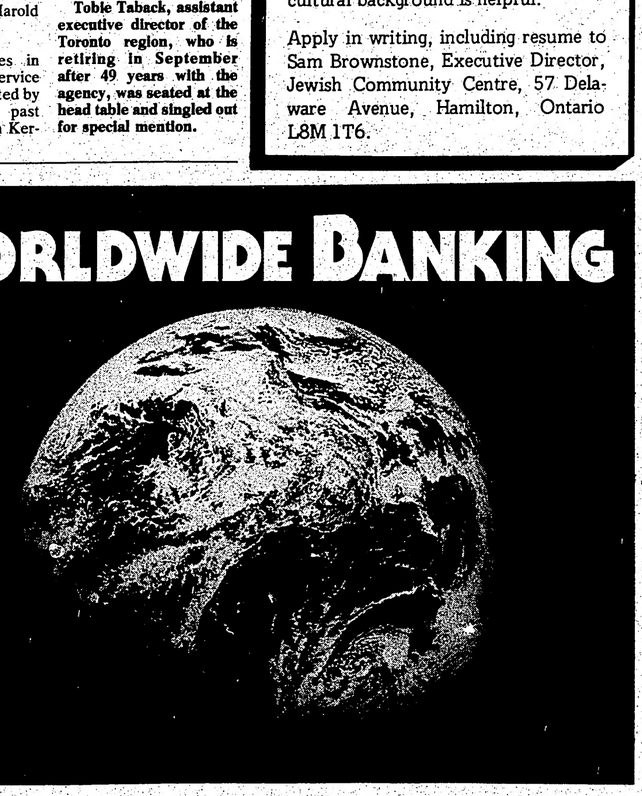

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Mayers to head JNF of Canada

MONTREAL

Alexander (Bobby) Mayers of Montreal was recently elected national president of the Jewish National Fund of Canada at the annual meeting in Jerusalem of Keren Kayemeth Le'Israel (JNF). He succeeds Eric Exton of Toronto, who was named honorary president.

Alexander Mayers

An architect, Mayers has previously served JNF as treasurer and vice-president. The former president of the Montreal JNF board, Mayers was chairman of the "Rebuilders of Jerusalem" program, and is currently national chairman of the Galil Canada project.

Deeply involved in community life since his youth, Mayers was general chairman of the 1981 Montreal Combined Jewish Appeal, and serves on the board of the United Israel Appeal, Canadian Technion Society, Canadian Friends of Haifa University, and Allied Jewish Community Services.

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Living Halacha

By RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

Question: Is Shavuoth a religious or a national festival?

There are some people who observe Passover, not so much for its religious connotation, but as a national holiday marking the end of our enslavement in Egypt, and the beginning of our freedom. Such people should be told that being freed from slavery does not make a nation. Only when the freed slaves adopt a new charter by which to live do they form a nation. If that is so, we became a nation when we received the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai.

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One wonders why he went to this rare source when the Talmud in Tractate Sanhedrin, 52 B, says very clearly that the cruel master who killed his slave was punished by the sword. Thus did the Book mould its people into a nation of rachmanim — merciful people, who would not tolerate such inhumanity to man.

In Greece and Rome, the laborer was in the lowest order. He was burdened with heavy taxes, and yet he was to be deprived of his citizenship. No less a thinker than Plato could teach, in his Republic, that "the laborers are the filthiest and the lowest beings in human society."

But, our holy Torah teaches us a different attitude in Pslams 128:2: "When thou shalt eat the labor of thy hands, happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee."

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Contrast this with the words of the Torah, in Deuteronomy 15:7-8: "If there be amongst you a poor man . . . thou shalt not harden thy heart, nor shut thy hand from thy brother in need; but thou shalt open thy hand bountifully unto him. . . ."

This Torah is our constitution; it is what formed our nation. If we did not become like the heathens, it was due to the divine document which showed us the way of mercy and goodness. If we did not collapse under the weight of all the suffering to which we were subjected, if our minds were not dulled by being locked in the ghetto over countless years, it was thanks to the words of Holy Writ which comforted us in our afflictions and trained our minds to travel along the road of truth hewed by prophets of truth.

Truly did Saadia Gaon say: "The Torah molded us into a nation."

Report to World Council:

Israel govt. promises to help promote Yiddish

By WESLEY GOLDSTEIN

MONTREAL —

Montreal should be used as an example of how Yiddish can be integrated into local community and organizational Jewish life, delegates agreed at the conclusion of the third plenary session of the World Council on Yiddish and Yiddish Culture.

The 5-day meeting, the first to be held outside Israel, ended on a high note last week, as representatives from 18 countries enjoyed a closing luncheon at the Canadian Jewish Congress building, unanimous in their praise for the local organizer, the CJC National Committee on Yiddish.

Speaking at the closing session, World Council Chairman Itzack Korn of Israel, drew loud applause when he complimented the high calibre organization of Montreal's Yiddish community, recommending it as a model to other centres.

Prior to summarizing the resolutions put forth by the more than 300 delegates who attended, Korn relayed a message from Israeli President Yitzhak Navon, who said: "The struggle between Yiddish and Hebrew in Israel is finished."

Korn told the audience that Navon had promised the Israel government would do all it could to promote the language and dissipate the friction that has existed in Israel between Hebrew and Yiddish.

He then reiterated a recurring theme of the conference: the need to increase and improve Yiddish education, and to focus on youth and culture.

Earlier, a resolution was passed calling for Yiddish to be established permanently as part of Jewish school curricula, as it is now in Australia. It said the task before various Yiddish organizations was to prepare teachers, establish seminars, and publish the special material that will be needed.

Delegates also resolved to establish study groups in various centres, to strengthen and underline the heritage of Yiddish; and for Yiddish committees to become more active and entrenched within their own community structures.

These committees should also become more involved in Holocaust memorial services, delegates decided.

Another resolution — on the subject of the media — requested greater support for the Yiddish press, while suggesting that the various journals angle themselves more towards the young.

Youth involvement, generally, in Yiddish life was one of the main areas of discussion throughout the conference, resulting in the establishment of a permanent youth committee of the World Council.

Delegates also said that Israel should be leading the way in Yiddish broadcasting, by devoting more programming and production time to the language and culture. Currently, Israel has no Yiddish television programs, and only one radio hour a day on Kol Yisrael. There are approximately 300,000 Yiddish speakers in Israel.

A resolution passed, calling for Jerusalem and Los Angeles (where a weekly Yiddish television show is now broadcast) to be used as the major production centres of both educational and entertainment programs, with material catalogues to be stored in Israel and distributed around the world.

Isaac Singer [right], with Sara Rosenfeld, executive director of CJC National Committee on Yiddish.

One of the highlights of the gathering was an announcement made at the closing session by Joseph Mlotek, education director of New York's Workman's Circle, establishing an endowment fund for Yiddish Literature. Twelve thousand dollars was collected during the conference as seed money, he said, to go towards helping Yiddish writers and publishers.

As the session ended, motions were passed in appreciation of the federal department of multiculturalism, the Canadian Jewish Congress and the Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue, and congratulating the 85th anniversary of the Forward, the 90th anniversary of Tzvkumft, and the 35th anniversary of Goldine Kiet.

Later in interviews, delegates expressed satisfaction with the proceedings in Montreal. Bess Shockett, Toronto Yiddish Committee executive secretary, said the gathering had provided a "fruitful exchange" of ideas and contacts.

Korn agreed, adding the proposals were "interesting and viable." He said the World Council would begin implementing the resolutions in the near future.

Western Canadian backing will help Rehovot project

EDMONTON —

A new research complex to be built at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot will receive substantial backing from supporters in Western Canada.

The Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science has pledged to raise $4,850,000 and members of the society in Calgary and Edmonton plan to raise a total of $610,000, said a spokesman.

The 3-building complex, to be called the Canadian Institute for the Energies and Applied Research, is "dedicated to harnessing the sun's power . . . and to provide the most advanced facilities for pioneering research of new energy sources, utilization and conservation," the spokesman said. (See The CJN, April 29.)

From left: James Senor, Al Chafetz and Harold Milavsky, Calgary chapter president

The Edmonton chapter board has agreed to raise $250,000 for a wing on one of the buildings.

The Calgary chapter has set its target figure at $360,000.

The spokesman said that Western leaders are trying to get support for the project from the Alberta Research Council and the provincial government.

Many world governments and provincial bodies have expressed interest in Weizmann research because of the practical applications, particularly for coal liquefication. One of Alberta's most abundant natural resources is coal.

Hy Isenbaum of Toronto, national treasurer of the society, told the Edmonton board that an intensive solar energy program is being pursued at the Institute's department of physical and applied science. "This will be greatly accelerated by the completion of the Canadian energy complex," he said.

James Senor, executive vice-president of the Canadian society, told the Calgary board that "bringing the complex to fruition will further stake Israel's claim as being in the forefront of energy research, worldwide."

Yiddish thriving

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The head of the Yiddish State Theatre in Warsaw, Avrum Shumreh, told how the Polish government supports a studio with a staff of 120, which gives three performances a week in Warsaw and then travels to smaller communities. Unfortunately, he admitted, many in the audience must make use of earphones for Polish translation. The other delegate from behind the Iron Curtain was writer Wolf Tambur, from Romania.

Several Montreal rabbis participated in a discussion on how Yiddish, the language of the Baal Shem Tov and the chassidic movement today, can have a greater role in their congregations.

The very fact that Congregation Shaar Hashomayim hosted several of the conference events was an indication of a desire for a reconciliation between Yiddish and religion.

Chief Rabbi of Panama, Heschel Klepfish, one of Latin America's leading Yiddish scholars, spoke from the pulpit of the Shaar during the conference.

It was also learned that the Reform Jewish movement has introduced Yiddish poems into its latest prayer book.

In Melbourne, Australia, the Sholem Aleichem School was founded to meet a growing demand for Yiddish instruction. The Australian government, like Canada's, has adopted a policy of multiculturalism and helps support the school as well as a Yiddish radio program broadcast four times a week.

Quebec cultural communities minister Gerald Godin and federal manpower minister Charles Caccia, who substituted for multiculturalism minister Jim Fleming, both pledged their governments' continued support for Yiddish.

The federal government gave Canadian Jewish Congress' National Committee on Yiddish a $5,000 grant toward the cost of hosting the conference.

Both the Quebec and Canadian governments assisted in the publication of the Canadian Jewish Anthology, a history of Yiddish culture in this country. Written by Jacob Zipper and Chaim Spilberg, the book was officially launched at the conference.

Godin, wearing an I Love Yiddish button, compared Yiddish to "a small river which flows into an ocean," contributing in its own way to the history of not only the Jewish people but mankind in general.

Younger people, in the 25-40 age group, were well represented at the conference, and held their own workshop, plenary and Shabbaton. Most were from New York, but delegates from Brazil, France and Israel were present.

B'nai B'rith wants to locate past members

WASHINGTON —

B'nai B'rith International is asking Jews around the world to help locate the surviving members of its pre-World War II European lodges.

At one time numbering several thousand, the survivors are today believed to be so scarce and so dispersed that no one knows for sure how many there are — or where.

Prior to World War II, 80 B'nai B'rith lodges thrived in Europe. Most of them, 90% of which were in Germany, were disbanded by government decree in 1937, with their members either fleeing to havens scattered across six continents or disappearing into Nazi death camps.

Now, 45 years later, B'nai B'rith wants to locate the survivors so they can be reunited and renew friendships. The time and place will be October, during the B'nai B'rith International Convention in Toronto.

If you are a survivor or have information about other survivors, contact the Chairman, Committee on the Reunion of Pre-World War II European Lodge Members, B'nai B'rith International, 1640 Rhode Island Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C., 20036.

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Diplomatic success

In 1973 as a result of the Yom Kippur War, precipitated one might add, by the late Anwar Sadat, a majority of African states broke off diplomatic relations with Israel.

They displayed a singular unwisdom in this gesture which can be explained only by the pressure which Arab oil interests exerted on those vulnerable African economies.

The choice to desert Israel diplomatically was made, it is true, after painful reflection. At the time, however, it seemed to be an ungrateful act against the one country in Asia which had helped African states out of a sense of altruism — a rare commodity in the world today.

Now word comes that Zaire has decided not only to renew its diplomatic exchange with Israel but that it will be represented in Jerusalem. (Joe Clark, please take note!) In that city Zaire will also find Costa Rica embassy personnel.

It is instructive to note Israel's response. Even during the diplomatic boycott of Israel by African states, we know that there was a great deal of unofficial business going on between Jerusalem and the African continent.

Israeli commercial and technical missions were very much active in many African nations sharing Israel's know-how with less developed countries. Israeli mission people were ideal ambassadors to take over when the professional ambassadors had to depart. The former worked selflessly to instruct their African neighbors in the most modern agricultural and technological methods.

During the "excommunication" period the government of Israel conducted itself with exemplary reserve. It understood that the African states which had severed relations with Israel had done so out of misguided zeal to placate the Arab extremist factions.

Israel's withdrawal from Sinai has removed the last remaining obstacle to a resumption of fruitful diplomatic liaisons with African states. It is only a matter of time before the other African countries align themselves on the Jerusalem axis.

This is a welcome development and demonstrates the maturity of the governments involved. We trust that in the near future all the African states will re-establish their ties with Israel.

The reciprocal benefits will be immeasurable.

Crass interference

When does anti-Zionism become anti-semitism?

Syria, which claims to be anti-Zionist but not anti-semitic, has given us a perfect example.

For years the Syrians have said that the Arab boycott directed against Israel is aimed at the Jewish state, not at Jews per se. But now proof emerges that this is not quite so.

Recently, the Sybron Corporation of Rochester, N.Y. filed a report with the U.S. department of commerce disclosing that it had been offered a contract by Syria's ministry of defence. Sybron, which manufactures medical supplies and equipment, was asked by the Syrians to abide by "the principles of the Israeli boycott."

Standard stuff.

But Syria insisted on the observance of a second clause:

"Contract shall be deemed cancelled, regardless of the state of affairs before the approval of the contract or after advising the contractor of the approval of the contract, if the administration finds out that the contractor, for the execution of his contract, depends materially on suspected persons, particularly Jews. He shall be penally prosecuted before the court martial, and legally for all expenses and indemnities (financial penalties) without his having the right to any objection."

You don't have to read between the lines to understand the gist of this paragraph.

Sybron rejected the contract.

Regrettably, this was not an isolated case. Buck Engineering of Farmingdale, N.J., reported to the commerce department that it had received an invitation from Syria to bid for a contract which contained a paragraph providing for cancellation of the contract "if the contractor relied upon suspected persons in executing (his) obligations, in particular Jewish." The Central Scientific Company of Chicago received a similar invitation.

It is high time Syria learned that U.S. law forbids discrimination by employers because of race or religion.

The Syrians are entitled to boycott Israel, or any other country, if they so wish. But when they export anti-semitism to a foreign nation, an alarm should be raised.

This crass interference by Syria in the affairs of the U.S. is simply intolerable. There ought to be an investigation at the highest level.

Diary of a People

By DAVID BIRKAN

On May 28, 1948, the Old City of Jerusalem fell to Jordan's Arab Legion, severing 1,700 years of continuous Jewish settlement there.

The end of World War II had brought fresh violence to Jerusalem. Arabs bombed Jewish shops and attacked civilians. The Irgun responded in kind; as well, it resumed attacks on British military and administrative targets.

Britain's refusal to allow large-scale immigration of Holocaust survivors infuriated the Jews. The UN resolution of Nov. 29, 1947, calling for the partition of Palestine into two states, one Jewish the other Arab, ignited Arab hostilities. Between then and April, 1948, 296 Jews were killed in ambushes in and around Jerusalem; 302 Arabs were killed in Jewish self-defence and reprisals. The Jewish Agency building was blown up by Arab terrorists on March 11, killing 13 Jews.

As Britain announced its withdrawal, Jerusalem became the focus of the war for Palestine.

Troops from Iraq and Syria swooped in to help Arab irregulars cut off the east-west road from Tel Aviv, the single most important artery of supply and communication to Jerusalem's total of 100,000 Jews. Arab forces, coming in via adjacent Jordan, prepared to beslege the Old City; by 1948, they totaled 30,000. The Old City's Jews numbered 2,000, mostly elderly, women and children.

On May 15, the British departed, and the armies of Egypt, Iraq and Jordan, together with Syrian troops, surrounded the New and Old cities of Jerusalem and began their siege. In four weeks, 170 Jews were killed in the Arab shelling and more than 1,000 wounded. Bread, water, fuel and electricity were rationed.

An unrelenting curtain of Arab fire severed the Old City from the New. Fighting intensified in the former as Jews and Arabs shot at each other from distances in some cases no greater than several yards. The Arab Legion poured in a continuous stream of artillery and mortar fire. On May 22, its residents and 100 soldiers appealed in vain to the UN to halt the attack.

Misunderstandings and quarrels among the Jewish forces in charge of the whole city's defence undermined its efficiency. Overall commander, the Haganah's David Shaltiel, refused to occupy strategic sites in the Old City, like the Armenian buildings, for fear of alienating international public opinion. These were taken without compunction by the Arab troops.

Palmach commander Yitzhak Rabin, with some reluctance, finally agreed to lead his exhausted soldiers in a diversionary attack on the Zion gate. It succeeded; 86 more combatants were inserted into its Jewish defence effort before the Palmach withdrew.

The sudden appearance of Arab Legion armored units crossing the Jordan threatened highly populated west Jerusalem. Shaltiel decided to maintain all his forces against the new advance. The Old City continued to absorb increasingly heavy fire as its own resistance faded.

On May 25, at 3.25 p.m., it surrendered. Close to 1,500 elderly and children were evacuated; soldiers and able-bodied were taken prisoner. The Jewish Quarter, according to one witness, was "a blackened ruin . . . with hot bricks, broken temples, spent cartridges, glowing embers and unburied bodies." For the next 19 years, its ruined synagogues would be used as goat pens and their stone blocks, along with tombstones from the Jewish cemetery, for Jordanian army toilets.

Middle East nations spending billions on latest tanks, planes, and missles

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Although Israel's peace treaty with Egypt heralds the possibility of reconciliation and co-operation in the Middle East, all countries in the region are preparing for war.

There are numerous conflicts in the Arab world which could trigger war, but the focus of attention seems to be on the Arab-Israeli dispute. To the feuding Arabs, Israel remains the common enemy.

If Israel had to fight a war tomorrow, it could probably rest assured that Egypt would be neutral. So the likely combatants would be Syria, Jordan and Iraq. Libya, Saudi Arabia and Morocco could join the battle, but these nations do not pose a formidable threat to the precarious balance of power. The PLO would most certainly want to contribute men and equipment, but that guerrilla group has not really adapted itself to conventional warfare.

In the absence of outright war, Middle East governments continue to spend huge amounts of money for armaments. The area is an earthly paradise for the merchants of death. Supplying most of the weaponry — from jets to missiles — are the U.S., the Soviet Union, France and Britain.

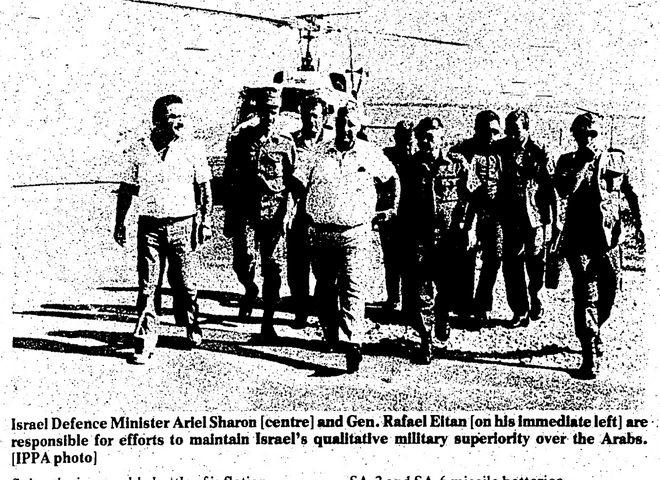
According to the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, Middle East military expenditures currently run at more than $40 billion annually, out of a world total of $500 billion.

The International Institute for Strategic Studies, in London, says that there were over 60 major arms deals with Mideast countries in the year ending June, 1981.

In the last decade, the U.S. has sold $47 billion worth of military equipment and munitions to Mideast governments, representing 57% of global American sales. Of late, Saudi Arabia and Israel have been among Washington's best customers. In 1981, the Saudis spent some $27 billion. The Israelis spent much less, yet defence costs have risen tremendously since the Six Day War.

Until the mid-1960s, Israeli costs were about 6% of its gross national product, but in recent years, they have skyrocketed to an estimated 25% or 30%.

Historically, the pattern is clear: After each war, Israeli military spending goes up. Israel expands its armed forces, invests ever more in local armaments factories and fights the inexorable battle of inflation.



Israel Defence Minister Ariel Sharon [centre] and Gen. Rafael Eitan [on his immediate left] are responsible for efforts to maintain Israel's qualitative military superiority over the Arabs. [IPPA photo]

This truism applies to the Arabs as well, and the result is staggering. Andrew Pierre, of the New York-based Council on Foreign Relations, writes that Israel and the Arabs now possess almost as many conventional weapons as the Soviet Union and its East European allies have in the central part of Europe.

Consider the statistics. Israel, Egypt, Syria, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Libya and Jordan can field 17,000 tanks, compared with 8,000 in 1973. They have 3,000 combat aircraft, as against 2,000 on the eve of the Yom Kippur War. They possess some 200 surface-to-surface missile launchers, up from 30 nine years ago.

- Israel reportedly has 14 divisions, 3,500 tanks and 600 combat aircraft, and it can call up approximately 400,000 troops.
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In descending order (excluding Egypt), Israel's primary enemies are Syria, Jordan and Iraq.

Middle East Intelligence Survey says that, since the Camp David Accords, the Syrian army has been reorganized, primarily as an attack force, with the help of the Soviet Union.

The air force has absorbed the latest Russian MIGs, and the navy has tripled in strength. The artillery corps has received new 122 mm self-propelled guns, which are quite maneuverable, and air defences have been beefed up with the acquisition of SA-2, SA-3 and SA-6 missile batteries.

With the purchase of Russian Saggers and French Milans, the Syrians have improved their anti-tank warfare capability. More attack helicopters have been added to the air force, which is already awesome. "The Syrians today have an air force bigger than the Royal Air Force or West Germany," a leading Israeli Air Force commander was recently quoted as saying.

Since the autumn of 1980, when they signed a treaty of friendship and co-operation with the Russians, the Syrians have substantially upgraded their military relationship with the USSR. Some analysts feel that the treaty has emboldened Syria.

Yehoshua Raviv, a former head of Israeli military intelligence, says that Syria "learned the lessons" of the Yom Kippur War more thoroughly than any other Arab force.

The Syrians, he believes, have a much more flexible command system, and tactical enterprise by junior officers is now encouraged rather than discouraged. They have improved training, and the plain between the Golan Heights and Damascus is studded with an impressive array of anti-aircraft and anti-tank positions.

In the view of Nadav Safran, a noted Harvard analyst, Syria could commit up to 80% of its armed force in a confrontation with Israel.

Jordan's armed forces, size nothwithstanding, are considered to be the best in the Arab world. Both in the Six Day War and the Yom Kippur War, the Jordanians performed credibly.

If the U.S. provides King Hussein with mobile Hawk anti-aircraft missiles, and F-16 fighters, Israel could have problems. Even if the Americans don't come through with these items, the Russians will. In fact, Moscow has agreed to supply Amman with mobile missiles. The Jordanians could buy up-to-date MIGs if they so desired.

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Impressions of Yiddish meet

By J. B. SALSBERG

After six uninterrupted day and night sessions, banquets, dinners, luncheons, workshops, committees and an endless galaxy of speeches from the most prominent literary, cultural, educational and religious leaders one needs rest and a degree of perspective to evaluate the world conference on Yiddish that transformed Montreal, for one week at least, into the world capital of Yiddish language and Yiddish culture.

I've had no time to rest or to gain the necessary perspective to evaluate the conference. All one can do, so soon after the event, when this is being written, is to share a few inconclusive impressions that one acquired during the hectic week.

The Yiddish language and culture is still bleeding from the terrible wounds that the Nazis inflicted on East European Jewry — literally destroying the most vital centre of Yiddish and Yiddish culture.

The Holocaust murdered the creative elite, it slaughtered the millions whose cultural experiences were in Yiddish and its institutions. The Soviet Union's sinister suppression of Yiddish and all its institutions [there is not a single Jewish school — in any language — in the entire Soviet Union] is a repulsive example of cultural genocide.

Nevertheless, and despite those horrendous losses, the Montreal Yiddish conference demonstrated an almost mystic faith and determination to preserve and extend the great Yiddish cultural legacy created by our fathers and forefathers during the past one thousand years.

It was heartwarming to see, meet, discuss and plan with representatives of 18 countries, with almost the same number of national languages but who all spoke Yiddish.

The man from Uruguay reported that for the past 20 odd years the Jews of that country get their daily Jewish news via a Yiddish radio program. In Australia, mainly through the effort of the Bund followers, a Yiddish day school is growing and prospering. An American Orthodox rabbi urged that all rabbis should insist on the introduction of Yiddish classes for their members and thus make possible for each rabbi to deliver periodic sermons in Yiddish.

In Antwerp, Belgium, a very Orthodox community employs Yiddish as the language of instruction in almost all its schools. France, with the liberal aid of the government, is experiencing a stimulating expansion of Yiddish courses in its major universities.

Baila Pransky [left] and Rose Lutski say Yiddish flourishes in their native North Carolina.

A member of the Warsaw Jewish state theatre reported that although the number of Jews in that country continues to decline, the Yiddish theatre is rated as among the foremost theatres in the country. The troupe visits other countries — Israel and European — and they still have a Yiddish paper and literary supplements.

A Romanian Yiddish writer displayed his latest Yiddish book, published in that country, and was able to tell us of the functioning Yiddish theatre and the appearance of a trilingual Jewish publication — Yiddish, Hebrew and Romanian.

From the U.S. (and Canada) came an exciting and promising contingent of young Yiddish intellectual activists who left their stamp on the proceedings.

Israel as well represented — it's the headquarters of the world movement for Yiddish. And although many delegates felt that the Israeli government and the public in general should more speedily expand the teaching of Yiddish in the schools and improve the Yiddish radio and TV programs, others, from both Israel and elsewhere, felt that much progress has been made in that direction during recent years.

But it is still an uphill battle. Almost all Israeli universities now have Yiddish departments or faculties. The Israeli government is now ready to provide Yiddish teachers for the public school system, providing a minimum number of students will enroll in such courses.

That Yiddish flowers — actually blooms — of all places, in North Carolina, in the U.S. was, for me, a special joy to behold. The two young couples who came to the Yiddish conference all the way from the tiny Jewish community in North Carolina were the icing on the cake. My broadest smile was reserved for them. Think of it! the Yiddish group there has founded a Yiddish Institute that deepens the knowledge of Yiddish and Yiddish culture (literature, song, theatre, etc.) in its community.

The Institute holds seminars to which Yiddish devotees from other parts of the U.S. come. And, wondrous to behold, the North Carolina Yiddish Institute offers scholarships to those active in this field in the U.S.

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YIVO, an international organization dedicated to preserving Yiddish culture, began operating in Argentina in 1928.

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The Yiddish press has fallen on hard times, with the only daily left being Di Presse, published on week days. Di Yiddishe Tsaytung, which was founded in 1914, closed in 1972 due to financial pressures.

Di Presse, which has a circulation of 15,000, is edited by Moises Kaufman, a bird-like man who was born in Poland and immigrated to Argentina in 1928. Founded in 1918, Di Presse was at first pro-Soviet. "Now, no," says Kaufman, who has been on staff for the last 27 years.

Put out in a cramped office in a Jewish district called Once, Di Presse is today staunchly pro-Zionist.

Because relatively so few Jewish immigrants have gone to Argentina since the end of World War II, Di Presse's circulation has remained stagnant. At one point, it was published six times a week. But fiscal restraint forced management to cut back.

"Given the poor state of the economy, this is not the best moment for di Presse," says Kaufman.

He is, however, proud of the fact that only The Forward of New York has a bigger circulation than Di Presse.

To an observer, the paper's future does not appear bright, primarily because the average age of its reader is 50 and above. "I'm not a prophet," Kaufman replies, in answer to question as to how much longer Di Presse can go on.

"I hope we'll have a readership in 30 years," he adds, taking solace from the example of a German-language newspaper here which is still published, albeit in weekly form, after 90 years.

Yiddish theatre is in dismal straits, says Jose Horn. Whereas there were once four theatres, there is none now.

"These theatres would stage seven or eight performances per week," recalls Samuel Rollansky, the honorary president of YIVO, who was a journalist for 46 years. "The season would last four months."

The main reason for the death of Yiddish theatre turns on economics, he explains. There is more money to be made in Spanish-language theatre, or in television, and performers who are proficient in Yiddish and Spanish draw the logical conclusion.

Several Jewish day schools in Buenos Aires keep Yiddish alive for youth, he says. But Hebrew is the dominant "foreign" language taught at these institutions. Israeli teachers, he complains, "buried" Yiddish by passing it over in favor of Hebrew.

YIVO, which Rollansky helped found in Argentina, has published 90 volumes of a series entitled Master Works of Yiddish Literature. "Nine hundred and twenty writers are represented, of whom 100 have international reputations," he says.

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YIVO puts out a journal on Argentine Jewish history, and it stages Yiddish theatrical productions annually for its 2,500 members and their friends.

Its library of 70,000 volumes, written in a host of languages ranging from Yiddish to Spanish, attracts scholars from all over the country. Its museum, named after the Polish painter Maurice Minkovski, sponsors six cultural exhibitions every year.

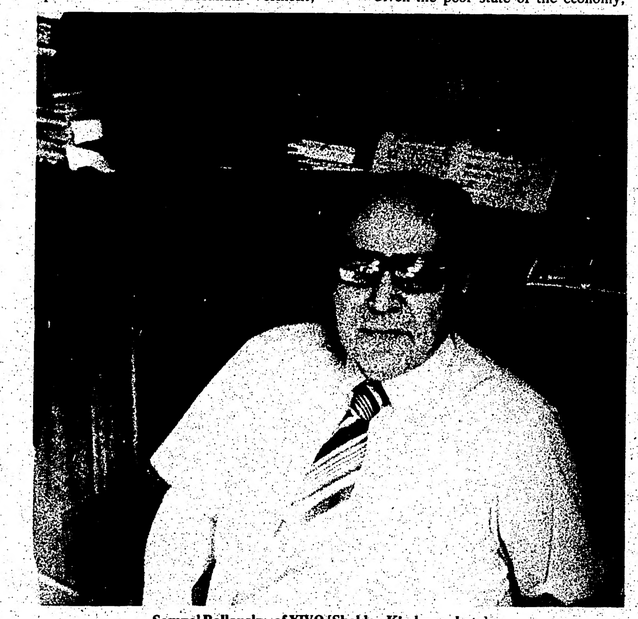
Of course, YIVO gives classes in Yiddish, some of which draw Catholics.

YIVO, which is open on most days from 10 to 8, is housed in a creaking old building accommodating other communal organizations.

Once, the neighborhood in which it is found, reminds a visitor a little of the ambience of Tel Aviv-Jaffa.

Of course, Yiddish is heard in the bustling streets of Once.

NEXT: Argentina's Jewish farmers.



Samuel Rollansky, of YIVO [Sheldon Kirshner photo]

Israeli schoolchildren celebrate Shavuoth on a kibbutz. [WZPS photo]

A timely lesson

Why was Jethro sent away and Ruth made welcome?

By RABBI SELIG KOROLNEK

The festival of Shavuoth commemorates both an agricultural as well as a religious event in the Jewish calendar.

In our synagogue services on the first morning we read from the Book of Exodus which commemorates Shavuoth as the zman matan tora-sainu, "the season of the giving of the Torah." The second day, we read in the Book of Ruth to commemorate it as the chag hakotzir, "the feast of the harvest."

A careful study of the events recorded in the Book of Ruth and the events preceding the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai confronts us with the most difficult paradox. Immediately preceding the preparations for receiving the Torah at Mount Sinai, we read, vayishlach Moshe es chosno, "And Moses sent away his father-in -law." After helping his son-in-law set up a judicial system for the Jewish people, Jethro is sent away and is deprived of witnessing the most glorious moment in mankind's history — the giving of the Torah at Sinai. Jethro in essence, is rejected from the Jewish fold.

In studying the story of Ruth, on the other hand, we see that this simple Moabite woman is welcomed into the fold of Judaism and, indeed, is granted the honor of being the great-grandmother of King David.

The question must be asked why was Jethro rejected while Ruth was accepted, especially when both expressed similar proclamations of faith in the Almighty.

Jethro said: "Now I know that the Lord is greater than all Gods." Ruth proclaimed: "Your people shall be my people and your God shall be my God." Furthermore, Jethro was a prominent leader of his people and was also the father-in-law of Moses, while there is little, if any prominence in Ruth's background.

Common sense would dictate that Jethro should have been welcomed with open arms, while Ruth, if anything, should have been returned to her people. Yet, just the opposite was the case! Why? Our sages in the Midrash help us to understand this perplexing problem through the following:

The Almighty said: "My children were enslaved with cement and bricks in Egypt while Jethro quietly sat in his home. Now he came to witness with my children the rejoicing of the Torah. Therefore Moses sent his father-in-law away."

While the Jews were enslaved in Egypt, Jethro showed no interest in helping and joining the Jews. He found it expedient to sit in the peace and security of his home. At no time is it recorded that Jethro, a man of influence, lifted a finger to help the plight of the Israelites. This was not the time, he felt, to become involved.

Later, when God had redeemed the Jewish people from bondage and freedom was at hand, Jethro suddenly appeared on the scene. And only when the Jews were at the foot of Sinai did Jethro express a commitment to the Jewish people.

In other words, Jethro appeared in good times, but was absent in bad times. Therefore, it is easy to understand why Moses sent him away. If he was not willing to be with Israel in their times of need, he was not worthy to participate in their time of joy.

Such was not the case in relation to Ruth. She expressed her deep feeling for the Jews when things did not appear bright. Quite the contrary, there was famine in the land and her Jewish husband had passed away. All was not well. And yet, precisely at this time, did Ruth declare her love for the God and people of Israel, and her desire to become a part of the holy nation. Ruth expressed her friendship at a time of crisis while Jethro waited until all was well.

It is therefore quite understandable why Ruth was rewarded for her devotion while Jethro was sent back to his own people.

Although they lived thousands of years ago, their difference in approach to our people has found similar expression in our own time. While six million of our brethren were being slaughtered in Hitler's gas chambers, our Christian neighbors, like Jethro, "sat in the peace and security of their homes," not wanting to get involved. It was only years after, when Israel became a mighty country in the Middle East and when North American Jewry was achieving political and economic power far beyond their numbers, did we suddenly hear the cry of ecumenism and the brotherhood of man.

Unlike Ruth, our neighbors sought to draw closer to us only when things were going well . . . not in time of crisis. This feeling of ecumenism was further questioned when the people of Israel faced a crisis in 1967 and the Yom Kippur War of 1973. Once again the spirit of Jethro prevailed amongst our neighbors.

The spirit of Jethro seems to prevail in many aspects of our human life. How often are we friendly with people when all is well, but when things turn bad and our friend needs help we, like Jethro, sit in the sidelines waiting for the storm to blow over. We wait for the good times to show our friendship . . . but in times of need, unlike Jethro, we are nowhere to be found.

Indeed, oftentimes we even turn our backs on our own families in their time of need. The classic example of this is found in the story of Job. We are told that after Job was afflicted with sorrow, Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite, came to comfort him.

But where was Job's own family? They were nowhere to be found! It was only after the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before — "Then came there unto him all his brethren, and all his sisters and all they that had been his acquaintance before . . . and they bemoaned him." (Job 42: 10-11.)

To me as a rabbi, the saddest example that I note of the Jethro philosophy is the attitude that many of our own people take toward their Jewish heritage. When we should be like Ruth, unfortunately we act like Jethro. Many of us are visible in the synagogue only at times of joy, bar mitzvahs, weddings, etc., but in time of trouble when the synagogue needs our support, we are no longer present.

We will attend banquets, but won't help make a minyan. We will spend our money freely for a good time, but when confronted by a needy Jew at our doorsteps, we hide in the "peace and security of our homes." This is the Jethro philosophy in every sense of the word.

Variety of festivities mark the reception of the Torah

By DR. DAVID GEFFEN

JERUSALEM —

Jerusalem is the city perfectly suited for the Shavuoth tikkun (study session). No matter where you live — within the city — you can find a tikkun in your neighborhood at anytime between 10 at night and 3 in the morning on Shavuoth. Then, if the spirit moves you, as it does thousands of other Jerusalemites — you can make your way through the streets of Jerusalem down to the Kotel, the Western Wall.

As the dawn breaks and the birds begin to fly, the prayers reverberate throughout the totality of the open area. Turn your head from the Kotel but for a moment and you can see waves of people pouring down the steps, coming through the gateway as they enter the Wall compound to link themselves with the past of their people on this traditional day marking the giving of the Torah.

Shavuoth is the shortest of the pilgrimage festivals, but it has the most names. Hag HaKatzir — feast of the harvest and of Bikkurim, first fruits, reflect the agricultural aspects. Hag Hashavuoth — the Feast of Weeks, Atzeret — the concluding festival, relate to the counting of the Omer. Zeman matan Toratenu — season of the giving of the Torah, given a spiritual aspect to the holiday.

In Italy the holiday has become known as the Feast of Roses and in Persia — the Feast of Flowers.

This brief festival certainly packs a lot of meaning into its annual celebration.

As a holiday, Shavuoth has the most symbolism connected to it because it is associated with the giving of the Torah at Mt. Sinai. While Passover is the festival of freedom and Succoth is the harvest celebration, Shavuoth marks the giving of the Law, an event which has key theological implications for the existence of Judaism and the Jewish people.

The word Shavuoth means weeks, and falls on the 50th day, concluding the 7-week count begun on the second night of Passover. The count, which starts in the spring, at the time of the initial planting, concludes with the heat of early summer and the bringing of the first fruits of the summer harvest. Shavuoth is a holiday when appreciation is expressed for a good beginning in the hope that what follows, harvestwise, will be just as bountiful.

Since the central theme of the festival is the gift of the Torah to the Jewish people, it is important to mark the night of Shavuoth with intensive study. The Torah is not to be taken for granted. We will not benefit from its teachings unless we make them a part of us. Therefore, the study of the Torah has been a paramount virtue for the Jewish people throughout its history. On the eve of Shavuoth, we symbolically await the giving of the Torah anew. Rather than closing our eyes in slumber, we must deepen our own personal knowledge of our spiritual treasure through constant study.

There has always been a custom of the pious to rise at midnight to recite the "tikkun hatzot," the prayers at midnight. This relates to the talmudic legend which tells of the harp hanging over the bed of King David. When the midnight breezes came, they blew across the strings creating a melody which awakened the king. He arose to pen his Psalms of praise to God.

On Shavuoth the tikkun begins after supper and continues on until the breaking of the dawn. The original Shavuoth tikkun volume contained the opening and closing words of every verse in the Torah. One could read the Torah through in this fashion and complete it as a herald to this special day.

Now in Jerusalem, as indeed around the world, the night of Shavuoth is filled with study sessions. They are to be found in the yeshivot, in the seminaries, in the institutes, in the synagogues and in private homes. There is literally not a minute on the night of Shavuoth when someone in one of a multitude of languages is not engrossed in Divrei Torah, words of the Law.

Like all festivals of the year, Shavuoth also has its culinary delights. In this case the special cheese dishes, which are so tasty, are eaten. Also it is customary in many synagogues to bedeck the bima with flowers and greenery as a reminder of this festival of the bikkurim — the first fruits. In many communities this festival has become a time for confirmations when Jewish teenagers reconfirm their allegiance to the Torah, the Jewish people and the land of Israel.

Whether you stay up all night or whether you enjoy the traditional Shavuoth delicacies; whether you make a pilgrimage to the Western Wall or decorate your home and synagogue with the flowers of the season, the observance of Shavuoth has a resonant tone to it and the Torah helps to give the holiday its special flavor.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Misleading impression

Your article reporting my alleged remarks to the CJC National Executive meeting of April 25 (CJN My 6) misconstrued what was said there and thereby conveyed a misleading impression of what, in fact, transpired. Fortunately, the meeting was taped and what follows is a corrective to your article, based on the actual transcript of that meeting.

1. My remarks were an abbreviated supplemental to the main briefing given by the Israeli ambassador to Canada, Yeshayahu Anug, who had been invited to brief the national executive meeting of Canadian Jewish Congress on the occasion of the Israeli withdrawal from Yamit. No mention was made in your report of the fact of the briefing, or of the context in which my remarks were made, that is by way of reply to a question. (**Editor's note:** The ambassador's talk was covered in separate story in the same issue).

2. Your correspondent is correct in ascribing to me the statement that "there has been an incremental erosion in Canadian support of Israel." What is incorrect is representing it as a statement made in criticism of Canadian foreign policy in the Middle East.

What was left unreported — in the whole of the article — was the fact that I prefaced my remarks with the caveat that I was offering — as someone who lives and works a great deal in a non-Jewish universe — a set of impressions about emerging views on the Middle East and Israel which were influencing Canadian foreign policy and Canadian public opinion.

My remarks were descriptive, hopefully analytic, but not evaluative of Canadian foreign policy.

3. I characterized the incremental erosion as finding expression in what I referred to as an "emerging consensus," whose main points included support for a homeland for the Palestinian people; recognition of the PLO as the legitimate representative of the Palestinian people; regarding the Saudis as a moderate state and an increasingly important variable in the calculus of Western foreign policy; and seeing "Beginism" as an obstacle to peace. Again, my remarks were descriptive and, indeed, were drawn from a recent analysis of this consensus in Commentary magazine.

Accordingly, I did not criticize, nor would I, the Canadian government for speaking of the "legitimate rights of the Palestinians." That happens to be the language of the Camp David Accords, which Israel signed, so one could hardly accuse Canada — or anybody else — of adopting an anti-Israeli policy by referring to documents which Israel herself has signed.

Nor did I ever say, as the tapes themselves show, that Canada was increasingly pro-PLO. It is simply that your correspondent converted the analysis of this consensus into a critique of Canadian foreign policy.

4. I did state, in reply to the question, and as a statement of fact, that it was unprecedented for an external affairs minister to call upon Canadian Jews to make representations to the government of Israel and to try to influence Israeli foreign policy. We are citizens of Canada and not of Israel. As Canadian citizens, we have a right — indeed a duty — to speak out on matters relating to the conduct of Canada's foreign policy in the Middle East or elesewhere. But we do not have a corresponding right — nor a duty — to seek to influence the course and conduct of Israeli foreign policy.

This does not mean, of course, that Canadians, be they Jew or non-Jew, should not speak out about human rights violations wherever they occur, in Israel or elsewhere; if that is what the external affairs minister was saying, it is something else.

Finally, and most important, my main concern and the main point in my remarks was the psychological effect that this emerging consensus was having on Canadian Jewry and supporters of Israel. There are those, I suggested, who — reacting to the "whole world is against us" syndrome — were retreating from the larger agenda of human rights; conversely, there are those who — internalizing the sustained indictment of Israel as their own — were retreating from support of the Israel cause. Both these positions were, in my opinion, mistaken.

Accordingly, I called for Canadian Jewry to get involved in the larger agenda of human rights and to do so because it was the right — let alone Jewish — thing to do, and not, as your correspondent suggests, in order to make the case for Israel among non-Jews. As well, I called on Canadian Jews to speak up for Israel in the non-Jewish arena because, as I suggested, Israel is not simply a Jewish but a just cause. For that reason, it merited the support of Jews and non-Jews.

Regrettably, your reporter confused and comingled these two separate calls so that what appeared in your newspaper was an alleged call to get involved in human rights causes for cynical purposes, i.e. to make non-Jews aware of the cause of Israel, and a call to get involved in the cause of Israel for Jewish purposes only — i.e. as a cause for Jews only. Indeed, your headline might just as easily — and fairly — read "Cotler Calls on Canadian Jews to Speak up for Human Rights" as it did "Cotler Calls on Canadian Jews to Speak up for Israel."

One closing note: While your correspondent may have interpreted my remarks as pessimistic, I describe them quite differently. I concluded my remarks by saying — and this was not reported at all in your coverage — that whatever anguish may now be felt in the "trauma of Yamit," let us remember that the entire withdrawal was carried out without bloodshed. The image that we should remember is that of the Israeli settler descending from the monument to the Israeli war dead in Yamit and embracing the Israeli soldier who had come to evict him — a scene expressive of the anguish of remembrance, but also of the hope of peace. It is that hope. I stressed, that should inspire us in the future.

Irwin Cotler
President
Canadian Jewish Congress

Organizations and People

What's New

By Miriam Herman

FOR CHILDREN

The appearance of Magic Mike at O'Neill's, 72 Steeles Ave. W., is part of the continuation of the children's programs brought to you by the Canadian Children's Theatre at O'Neill's. Magic Mike (**Mike Segal**) is a young magician who started at the age of 10 when he entertained for his classmates at school. More recently he has been seen at Sunday brunches at The Ports and he is a regular performer for the public school system. He also teaches his craft at the YMCA.

Magic Mike will be seen at O'Neill's on Saturday and Sunday, May 29 and 30 at 1 p.m. The admission is $3.50 per person and reservations can be made by calling 886-2102.

FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

Here's your chance to see Fiddler on the Roof once again. The smash musical hit opens at the Limelight Dinner Theatre (by popular demand) on Thursday, May 27. It is directed by **Adolf Toman** and stars **Peter Manierka** as Tevye with **Maya Toman** as Golde, **Ron Gabriel** as Motel the tailor, and **Sharon Keates** as Hodel his daughter. The number to call is 482-5200.

CRAFT ENCOUNTERS

Sunday, May 30, is the date of the exciting exhibit and sale, Craft Encounters, presented by Adath Israel Sisterhood. From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the synagogue, prominent Ontario artisans and crafts people will be demonstrating and selling their crafts. Refreshments and light lunches will be available. Admission is $1 and proceeds will go to charitable endeavors.

SAFETY DAYS

B'nai B'rith Women of Canada invites the public to Safety Days at Don Mills Plaza (Don Mills and Lawrence) on Thursday, June 3, and Fairview Plaza (Don Mills and Sheppard) on June 24, when displays, demonstrations and information on making the environment and your own environment safer and more secure. There is no admission charge and you will be free to browse and ask questions of the many representatives of the health, government and other agencies involved.

BRANSON'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY

North York Branson Hospital is celebrating its 25th anniversary by offering a series of community service programs. The series will run from May 31 to July 7, the anniversary day. The kickoff program on Monday, the 31st, will deal with What's New in Diabetes with **Dr. Barry Tobe**, program director, **Anna Brundage**, nurse-teacher, and **Raquel Tortal**, dietician, of the hospital's Diabetes Education Centre, and representatives from the Canadian Diabetic Association.

The time is 7.30 p.m. at the hospital, 555 Finch Ave. W. For further information, call 633-9420, ext. 648 or 649.

BOWLING NIGHT

Ajalon Chapter of Hadassah-WIZO is having its annual bowling night on Sunday, May 30, at 8 p.m. sharp at Bathurst Bowlerama (Bathurst and Glencairn). Admission of $4.50 includes bowling, refreshments and prizes. Proceeds go to Youth Aliyah. Singles, couples — everyone is welcome. Call 636-3005 if you would like more information.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Join members of the Pioneer Women Na'amat for an evening of coffee and conversation and meet with other women in your neighborhood (Bathurst-Yonge and Steeles) on Tuesday, June 1, at 8 p.m. at the home of **Janice Spinner**, 27 Heatherington Way. For further information, call 636-5425.

SHAAR SHALOM SCHOOL ON TV

Shaar Shalom religious school, located at Zion Heights junior high, 5900 Leslie St., is presenting a closing exercise program on TV Channel 10 Classicome. It airs on Monday, May 31, at 6.30, 8.30 and 10.30 p.m. and repeats on June 4 and 6 at 6.30 p.m. The program includes short selections of prayers, choir, Israeli folkdancing and two plays, Joseph Who Honors the Sabbath and The Wind is Brought to Trial.

THE CASE FOR ISRAEL

A reminder that the Case for Israel series continues on Sunday, May 30, with **Prof. John Gellner** of York University discussing Israel and Her Enemies: The Military Situation in the Middle East. Meeting takes place at 8 p.m. at Adath Israel Synagogue.

ISRAEL AFTER SINAI

Israel After the Sinai Withdrawal is the topic of the regular meeting of the New Fraternal Jewish Association scheduled for Tuesday, June 1, at 8.30 p.m. at 120 Overbrook Pl. Speakers will be **Sam Lipshitz** and **Harry Binder**, who have just returned for the UJA Societies Division mission in Israel.

CANADIAN HERITAGE SCHOOL

The Canadian Heritage School is presently accepting registration for the coming year. This new innovative facility, located at 316 St. Clair Ave. W., has been established by **Merle Langbord Levine**, specialist in special education, and **Deborah Chesnie Cooper**, registered psychologist. The school is for students ages 6-13, having academic learning problems. For further information, phone 960-2106.

SELF-HELP WIDOWS PROGRAM

The next meeting of the Wagman Centre Self-Help Widows program takes place Sunday, May 30, from 12 noon to 1.30 p.m. in Rooms A and B of the Wagman Centre. This program provides an opportunity for emotional support for the recently bereaved through one-to-one contact with another widow and/or twice-monthly group meetings. It is non-sectarian, free of charge and open to women 55-70 years of age, widowed less than two years. Membership in the Wagman Centre is not required. For more information, call 789-5131, local 410.

YIDDISH POET TO LECTURE

The Yiddish Culture Council and the Committee for Yiddish of Toronto Jewish Congress will have as guest speaker on Sunday, May 30, the prominent Yiddish poet and novelist from Israel **Itzchak Yanasowicz**, who will lecture on The Holocaust Literature and its Mission. The time is 8.30 p.m. at the Workmen's Circle Hall, 471 Lawrence Ave. W.

BETH MEYER MOVES

Beth Meyer Synagogue, which has been located at 68 Collinson Blvd. in Downsview for the past 14 years, is moving on June 1 to 120 Overbrook Pl., suite 104, in Bathurst Manor. **Rabbi Aaron Zimmerman** is spiritual leader of the Conservative congregation, and **Harry Stone** is president.

ANNUAL FUN AUCTION

The annual fun auction run by the Golan Group to raise money for the Ben Yehuda School for mentally and physically handicapped children in Jerusalem, is set for 7.30 p.m. on Sunday, May 30, at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. (one block north of Sheppard, off Wilson Heights Blvd.). Up for bids will be new merchandise only — furniture, appliances, plants and clothing, as well as restaurant dinners and weekends at local and out-of-town hotels, plus many door prizes.

ZIONIST CENTRE PROGRAMS

On Sunday, May 30, at 1 p.m. in the Jerusalem Hall of the Zionist Centre, 788 Marlee Ave., the Open Forum will be addressed by **Julius Hayman**, editor of The Jewish Standard, on the topic, Turmoil in the Middle East. Everyone is invited to participate in a round table discussion. Admission is free.

At 3.15 p.m. that same afternoon, **Sharon Herman** will lead the Israeli folkdancing. This program is also free.

If you wish more information, contact the Toronto Zionist Council at 781-3571. Also, check other items under Singles Events.

AN ISRAELI MUSICAL

Associated Hebrew Schools grade 9 junior high is presenting an adaptation of the Israeli musical Ish Hasid Haya in English and Hebrew on Monday, May 31, and Tuesday, June 1, at 7.30 p.m. at 3630 Bathurst St. Tickets are $5 for adults and $3 for students and are available by calling 789-7471. Proceeds will go to UJA and the Associated Leslie St. building fund.

COTLER TO SPEAK

On Thursday, June 3, Prof. **Irwin Cotler**, president of Canadian Jewish Congress, will deliver his first community address on The Jews, South Africa and Apartheid since his return from a high level lecture tour of South Africa. The meeting takes place at 8.15 p.m. at Temple Sinai. It is sponsored by the International Affairs Committee, Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region.

SPECIAL SHOLOS SEUDOTH

A special sholos seudoth (pre-maariv meal), sponsored by **Mr. and Mrs. Alex Silberstein**, will be held on Saturday, May 29, at Shomrai Shaboth-Chevrah Mishnayoth Synagogue, 585 Glengrove Ave. W. The occasion will mark the sivum of the tractate Moed Katan, which was studied every Saturday morning. **Rabbi Gedaliah Felder** will deliver the hadran; Mincha services at 8 p.m.

ALL-NIGHT LEARNING PROGRAM

NCSY (National Conference of Synagogue Youth) is sponsoring an all-night Shavuoth learning program open to all teens 13-19 years of age, who wish to spend Shavuoth in an environment structured for those with limited background. Program takes place at B'nai Torah Congregation, 465 Patricia Ave., Willowdale, on Thursday, May 27. Please feel free to stop by. And if you are interested or would like more information, call **David Willner** at 782-3117.

STUDY FOR SHAVUOTH

On the first night of Shavuoth, Thursday, May 27, **Rabbi Moshe Stern** will initiate the traditional all-night shiur at Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue, beginning at midnight and concluding with a morning service at 5 a.m. Refreshments will be served throughout the night. Everyone will be welcome.

Also on Thursday, May 27, at 10.15 p.m., Beth Tikvah Synagogue will continue its long-standing tradition of all-night study for Shavuoth. **Rabbi Robert Marcus** has chosen as this year's theme the Book of Ruth. Besides the rabbi, study session leaders include **Arthur Lesley**, **Geoff Cleln** and **Michael Sone**. Study session will conclude with sunrise services followed by breakfast. Everyone is welcome.

FOR SENIORS

The Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club meeting on Monday, May 31, features well-known Israeli singer **Batsheva**. It begins at 1 p.m. and refreshments will be served. For information, you can call **Vera Shulman** at 638-4163.

The North-East Jewish Seniors Club meets on Monday, May 31, from 11.30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Hillcrest Public Library, 5801 Leslie St. There will be no oil painting class this time but the social hour will include needlecrafts, cards, bingo, and fitness to music with **Rochelle Donsky**. This will be followed by the program, a talk by **Betty Hutton**, assistant manager, Toronto Dominion Bank, Leslie and Dexter branch, on the subject Ways to Make Your Money Earn the Most For You. Come with your questions.

On Tuesday, June 1, at 1.15 p.m., Beth Tzedec Friendship Club + 50 presents **Lisa Golombek**, curator of West Asia department, Royal Ontario Museum, who will discuss The World of Islam in Dialogue and Pictures. Everyone is welcome. Coffee and cake will be served. Non-members of the club are asked to pay 75 cents.

A dramatic program with **Nathan Garnick** is the highlight of the Holy Blossom Temple Alumni meeting on Wednesday, June 2, at 1.30 p.m.

The Workmen's Circle Social Club is meeting on Tuesday, June 1, at 12 noon at 471 Lawrence Ave. W. for lunch and entertainment by humorist **Phillp Cohen** and singer **Morris Lieberman**. Also, be sure to sign up for the Las Vegas trip. Everyone is welcome to come to the meeting. For more information, call **Shirley Grotell** at 222-7727.

At the Wagman Centre — The Israel Today series continues on Thursday, May 27, with **Michael Chernack**, director of communications of the Canada-Israel Committee, discussing Israel — The Challenges Ahead. That's at 1.30-2.30 p.m. in the assembly room . . . On Sunday, May 30, from 7-10 p.m., there's an evening of song and dance with the Wagman Centre Senior Club of Immigrants from the Soviet Union . . . The monthly book review on Thursday, June 3, features a review of **Erma Paris'** book, The Jews in Canada, by **Ann Glass**. The time is 10.30 a.m. to noon in the library. Registration for this program is necessary. Call **Tanya Kuchinsky** at 789-5131, ext. 411.

AT THE JCC

The third annual **Samuel J. Granatstein** board/staff institute of the Jewish Community Centre takes place Monday, May 31, at the JCC northern branch. Guest speaker will be **Ferne Katleman**, director of the department of continuing education at the Council of Jewish Federations of New York. Her responsibilities include developing a comprehensive program of continuing education for professionals at all levels in federations throughout North America. Chairman of Monday's event, which is planned specifically for JCC staff and board members, will be **Samuel Eckler**. (The institute was made possible through the generosity of friends of the late Samuel Granatstein, who was president of JCC (YM/YWHA) from 1956 to 1961.)

Ferne Katleman

Weather permitting, there will be a 14-week program of outdoor oil painting and drawing with instructor **Gill Saward**, given by the Koffler Centre of the Arts. It starts Wednesday, May 26, from 6.30-9 p.m. Fee is $80 for JCC members and $95 for non-members. For more information, call 636-1880, ext. 15 or 43.

Registration is open for a summer gymnastics camp for boys and girls, 5-15 years of age, offering gymnastics, dance and arts and crafts at the JCC northern branch. There will be four 2-week periods from July 5-Aug. 27. The all-day program will run from 9.15 a.m. with bus pick-ups and drop-offs. The fee is $180 for JCC members and $210 for non-members. Pre-registration is necessary. For more information, contact **Iris Benrubi** at 636-1880, ext. 35.

Heart Saver and basic CPR courses are being given at the JCC northern branch. The Heart Saver is a four-hour course designed to teach members of families of high risk people the signs and symptoms of heart attacks, what to do when someone is choking and how to activate the emergency system. This course is being held on Wednesday, May 26, from 6-10 p.m., and costs $20.

Basic CPR is more detailed and includes one or two-man CPR, infant resuscitation, blocked airways of conscious and unconscious victims. It is being held Sunday, June 6 from 9.30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Monday, June 7, from 6-10 p.m. if necessary. Advance registration is mandatory to receive pre-course material. Register at front office. For more information, call **Paula** at 636-1880.

The final meeting of the Group for Children with Learning Handicaps, slated for Thursday, June 3, will focus on a panel discussion on Concepts in Parenting. Moderator is **Georgine Nash** with panelists **Adrienne Slan, Midge Breslin, Bonnie Macrae** and **Merle Goldman**. The time is 7.30 p.m. in the JCC northern branch committee room. For more information, call **Joe Lunsky** at 486-0660 or **Monica Auerbach** at 636-1880.

SINGLES EVENTS

The Jewish Community Centre Singles (35-55) Single Fling Dance is arranged for Saturday, May 29, at 8.45 p.m. at the B'nai B'rith House, 15 Hove St., complete with disco music, cheese and crackers and nibbles. Cost is $3 for JCC members and $4 for non-members . . . Then on Sunday, the 30th, you can join the group for 5-pin bowling and on-to-dinner beginning at 3 p.m. at York Bowl (Wilson and Wilson Heights). The fee is the cost of bowling and dinner . . . For more information about these programs, contact **Lynne** at 636-1880, ext. 38.

The Meeting Place at the Zionist Centre, 788 Marlee Ave., will feature a dance party on Sunday, May 30 from 7.30 p.m. for Jewish singles (20s and 30s) with a wine and cheese buffet. Come and enjoy good music and good friends. Admission is $4. For more information, call the Toronto Zionist Council at 781-3571 . . . Also, please see other items under Zionist Centre programs.

Total Living Singles (+40) general meeting is set for Sunday, May 30, at 8 p.m. in the Kadima Room of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue. A social and refreshments will follow the meeting.

NE SINGLES PARENTS GROUP

The North-East Jewish Single Parents group invites single parents in the north-east area to an open house on Saturday, May 29, at 9 p.m. This is an informal get-together for new single parents to meet with the regular members. There will be music and refreshments. The fee is $3 for members and $4 for non-members. RSVP by calling **Mel** at 494-2175 or **Eileen Garber** at the NE office at 889-0813.

A family outing at Harbourfront is arranged for Sunday, May 30. Pack a family picnic and meet **Fran** at 12.15 p.m. outside the NE office at 1091 Finch Ave. E. if you want to car pool. If you plan on going down on your own, meet at 1.30 at Harbourfront, 235 Queen's Quay W. at the pond at the south-east corner near the cafe. Look for **Louelle** and a clump of NE balloons. For information, contact Eileen Garber at the NE office.

On Monday, May 31, there's the second communication workshop featuring participatory exercises in communication with member **Ken Mandelbaum**. Everyone is welcome whether or not they attended the first workshop. It takes place at JCC Valley, 7015 Leslie St., upstairs, at 8.45 p.m. sharp (latecomers will not be able to participate due to the nature of the workshop). Call Eileen Garber if you want more information.

Mel invites you to join in the baseball game on Tuesday, June 1, beginning at 7.15 p.m. until dark at Pineway Public School (Pineway west of Leslie, south of Cummer). Everyone is welcome — players, kibbitzers and children.

SINGLE PARENTS

For single parents, (widowed, divorced, men, women, younger, older) a six-week discussion program is being offered by the Jewish Family Life Education department of Jewish Family and Child Service. The series starts Wednesday, June 2, at 8.30 p.m. at the JF&CS office, 3101 Bathurst St., just north of Lawrence.

The sessions provide an opportunity for informal, relaxed discussion for people who are managing and who can make use of some additional ideas and support. For descriptive brochure or registration information, call 781-1592, ext. 244.

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Esther Schwartz [left], kosher cooking consultant, Canadian Jewish Congress, and Cynthia Gasner, director of information and public relations, Orthodox division, CJC, plan the opening of a cooking school at Beth Avraham Yaakov Congregation, 51 Bevshire Circle, Thornhill. A series of four classes will be given at the synagogue on consecutive Tuesdays from 8-10 p.m., beginning June 1. Course directors are Liz Gordon and Fran Wolfe. This is a joint venture with Orthodox division, CJC. The Clanton Park school will continue under Mrs. Schwartz's direction. The next series of four classes begins June 1. For more information call 977-0050.

WOLFE TRIBUTE

At the recent tribute dinner tendered in his honor by Thornhill Lodge B'nai B'rith, Morley Wolfe, incoming president of B'nai B'rith Canada, is presented with a gift by Rhonda Brown, wife of lodge president Stanley Brown. Gift turned out to be a caricature of the honoree entitled A Wolfe in Sheep's Clothing. Dinner was held at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue.

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nature of the workshop). Call Eileen Garber if you want more information.

Mel invites you to join in the baseball game on Tuesday, June 1, beginning at 7.15 p.m. until dark at Pineway Public School (Pineway west of Leslie, south of Cummer). Everyone is welcome — players, kibbitzers and children.

SINGLE PARENTS

For single parents, (widowed, divorced, men, women, younger, older) a six-week discussion program is being offered by the Jewish Family Life Education department of Jewish Family and Child Service. The series starts Wednesday, June 2, at 8.30 p.m. at the JF&CS office, 3101 Bathurst St., just north of Lawrence.

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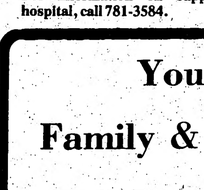

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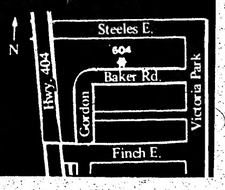

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Dr. Marvin Nash was recently elected treasurer of the Ontario Association of Optometrists. A graduate of the College of Optometry of Ontario, he has been in practice in downtown Toronto for 18 years. Dr. Nash has been active in the profession, organizing annual conventions and as chairman of the board of the newly-developed Toronto Institute of Optometry.

Dr. Barry Winter is past president of the Ontario association.

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B'nai B'rith Women of Canada's executive director, **Selma Sage** has been elected to the board of directors of the Religious Education Association of the U.S. and Canada. The REA is an educational, multi-faith, inter-disciplinary, and international organization. Mrs. Sage, the former director of religious education at Holy Blossom Temple, has been in the field of monitoring, licensing and supervising Jewish educators for more than 20 years. In her present capacity with B'nai B'rith she focuses on the continuing education of Jewish women.

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The Markle Brothers Ltd., a leading sign manufacturer in the Toronto area for 26 years operated by brothers **Sam and Jack Markle**, set up an annual scholarship at George Brown College for sign writing students. The first recipient is **Debbie M. Tanner** of Toronto.

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TWO HONORED BY EITZ CHAIM

There will be two honorees at the Eitz Chaim annual dinner on June 13.

Kurt Rothschild, Eitz Chaim treasurer, will receive the Torah Heritage Award for his lifetime of service to Jewish education. Mr. Rothschild has made a major contribution to many organizations, including the UJA, Israel Bonds, Mizrachi Organization of Canada, Yeshiva University and Shaare Zedek Hospital.

A presentation will also be made to **Rabbi Illa Lipskar**, who is retiring after 30 years as a teacher at Eitz Chaim.

WELL DONE, YAACOV

Joseph Tanenbaum, president of Eitz Chaim Schools, congratulates Yaacov Basser, winner of the Canadian National Bible Contest grades 6-8 division. Yaacov will represent Canada at the International Bible Contest in Israel next year. Other Eitz Chaim students who scored at the contest were Ilana Sacknowitz, who tied for second place, and Deena Grubner, who placed third.

Screening out racism in Canada is purpose behind new video films

TORONTO —

Role Call Reservations, video films designed to combat racism in Canada, are now available for purchase — together with film manuals — from the League for Human Rights of B'nai B'rith.

The films, screened recently before an audience at the BB Centre here, were produced by the League For Human Rights of BB Canada as part of a human relations video series. They will be distributed to institutions throughout the country, the League reports.

Role Call is a 30-minute program for junior and senior high school students. A workshop manual, written by Stephen Mellow and Ellen Kachuk accompanies the video portion and provides teachers with communication, writing and role-playing exercises on prejudice and discrimination.

Reservations is a 30-minute video film produced for adults and can be screened in the workplace, at community meetings and education seminars. It comes in conjunction with a manual which provides a 2½-hour workshop program. The video workshop focuses on prejudice and discrimination, and encourages participants to strive for positive human relations in their community.

Commenting on the films, Ted Greenfield, national chairman of the League for Human Rights said: "Role Call Reservations were designed to promote harmonious human relations among participants and to encourage people to appreciate the multiracial character of our society."

Speaking at the premiere of the films were Bruce McCaffrey, provincial minister of citizenship and culture; Dr. Bhausaheb, commissioner of race relations of Ontario; Morley Wolfe, president-elect of BB Canada; Lionel White, chairman, Central Region, League for Human Rights, and Alan Shefman, national director of the League.

PIONEER WOMEN

Pioneer Women Na'amat's secretary-general, Masha Lubelsky [second left] addressed groups in several major cities in Canada and the U.S. With her at the Toronto event are left to right: Pearl Mekler, national president; Dalia Ariel, wife of Israeli consul-general David Ariel, and Irma Ziskin, Toronto president. Mrs. Lubelsky is the organization's fifth secretary-general. Golda Meir was its first.

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MAN OF THE YEAR

Edwin Goldstein [left], chairman of the board of Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care, accepts the Man of the Year Award from Centre president Norman Schipper. The presentation was made at the annual meeting of the Men's Service Group.

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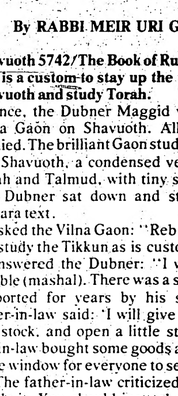

sparks from the torah

By RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Shavuoth 5742/The Book of Ruth

It is a custom to stay up the whole first night of Shavuoth and study Torah.

Once, the Dubner Maggid was a guest of the Vilna Gaon on Shavuoth. All night, both men studied. The brilliant Gaon studied from the Tikkun Leil Shavuoth, a condensed version of the whole Torah and Talmud, with tiny sections from each. The Dubner sat down and studied the regular gemara text.

Asked the Vilna Gaon: "Reb Yaakov, why don't you study the Tikkun as is customary?"

Answered the Dubner: "I will answer with a parable (mashal). There was a son-in-law who was supported for years by his shver. Finally the father-in-law said: 'I will give you some money. Buy stock, and open a little store yourself.' The son-in-law bought some goods and placed them all in the window for everyone to see.

"The father-in-law criticized: 'That is not how you do it. You should just take a sample of each item and put it in the window. The rest store away!' Answered the son-in-law: 'That is only possible when a owner has a huge stock. Then he can afford to put out just a sample. But I have so little inventory, I have to show it all off.'

"The same with you and me," continued the Dubner. "You are a great talmid chacham, with a huge stock of Torah. It is enough to show off just a *little sample of each* on Shavuoth. But I have to put everything in the window, and learn the complete book."

After a 120 years, every Jew will enter heaven and be told to show what stock he bought in his world: how many chapters of Bible he learned, how many pages of Mishneh and Talmud, and how many mitzvot he performed.

In this world, Torah and mitzvot are sholesale, cheap, plentiful. Next world, they are very dear, hard to come by.

Now's the time to stock up!

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On Shavuoth we read the beautiful Book of Ruth, which describes the conversion of a Moabite woman to Judaism. She became the great-grandmother of David, King of Israel.

Why do we read it on Shavuoth? Says the Bach: "Ruth was a Gentile, and then became a Jew. Before, she just had the seven mitzvot that all descendants of Noah have. Now she took upon herself the full taryag (613) commandments.

"The Jewish people before Sinai was technically Gentile, with only seven mitzvot. At Sinai, we entered into a Covenant, and became true Jews."

Interesting: the letters of Ruth's name ingematria add up to 606. Before, Ruth had only seven mitzvot. Now she accepted an additional 606 mitzvot, to equal 613. Even her name shows her beauty and holiness!

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Another gematria: It is customery to eat milk dishes (like blintzes and cheese-cake) on Shavuot. There are many reasons. (Perhaps the Jews' meat pots and dishes weren't kosher at Sinai. But the word for milk — chalav — equals the number of 40, representing the 40 days Moses stood at Sinai to receive the complete Torah.

Food is essential to life. That is why so many laws and customs revolve around it. Toronto is blessed with fine kosher restaurants. This writer knows that many of them are struggling to survive. They aid kashruth immeasurably. The greatest tzedakah is not charity but to help someone make a living. The greatest mitzva is to patronize these restaurants, and incidentally, make life more easy for the cooks in the house.

Every street in Canada must become a Mount Sinai. Shabbat Shalom and Chag Sameach.

Planning and priorities committee examines concerns of Congress

By BEVERLEY STERN

TORONTO — It took over one year — but a thorough checkup of the anatomy of the Canadian Jewish Congress Ontario Region has just been completed.

In October 1980, a newly formed planning and priorities (PP) committee of the region was formed and asked to examine three major areas of regional concerns in service, education and political action.

The committee, which has 10 members, is headed by co-chairmen Les Scheininger and Eric Slavens. Both chairmen delivered their report at a recent CJC regional meeting.

The committee made both broad and specific recommendations relating to CJC Ontario's 11 different committees. Archives to youth were examined.

Some of the general recommendations have already been undertaken. For example, PP advised that a full-time director act as administrator for regional responsibilities so that there will be "a clearer definition of the relationships between Ontario region and both the national office and Toronto Jewish Congress."

The appointment of Dr. Edmond Lipsitz as Ontario CJC's first regional director was announced in April. Lipsitz was formerly director of education and culture for the region and associate director of TJC.

Another major general recommendation was that the planning body be a permanent committee. "Planning should be an ongoing process," states PP. Planning is necessary to (1) develop innovative programs; (2) self-examine, particularly in problem areas; (3) provide a clearing house for the region's committees and small town communities; and (4) develop programs which will encourage leadership and volunteer potential.

The demand for a larger cadre of well-trained volunteers is a recurrent theme in the PP report. Most of the region's committees are in great need of volunteers.

PP zeroed in on the chaplaincy committee as an "essential service . . . of the highest priority" which is acutely understaffed. The committee is now led by full-time chaplain, Rabbi Sheldon Steinberg, who is assisted by a part-time staff chaplain and about 18 volunteers including local rabbis and cantors.

PP stated there was an immediate urgency in the field of chaplaincy work. "To adequately serve the needs of members of the Jewish community in hospitals, prisons and nursing homes, a number of full-time chaplains are required," it said.

In particular, chaplaincy services outside of Toronto are grim. The heavy demand in Toronto alone makes it almost impossible for the small chaplaincy committee to look after the needs of Jews in institutions in small communities.

Local rabbis in small communities rarely perform chaplaincy work in hospitals, prisons and nursing homes, psychiatric institutions or institutions for the developmentally handicapped. Those that most require the Jewish religious and communal connection are not getting it, states PP.

Two new projects PP advised for the chaplaincy committee are: (1) the provision of special kosher diets (i.e. salt and sugar free); and (2) the development of a program dealing with those who have been de-institutionalized.

In the area of services to the 32 Jewish communities across Ontario, PP recommends that the staff person make a minimum of at least 50 visits a year. Besides initiating and encouraging communal programs and publicizing Congress activities, the staff person is responsible for arrangements of kosher food, rabbis, cantors and other Jewish functionaries, it says.

PP also says the work of the international affairs committee has taken on new importance because of the state of distressed Jewish communities outside of Canada.

There is an overlap in the programming between the national and regional international affairs committees and PP calls for more communication and a clearer definition of jurisdiction between the two levels. In particular, it urges more autonomy for the regional committee.

PP particularly mentions the need for volunteers with strong organizational abilities for the archives committee.

It also underlines the critical need for more volunteers to serve on the Jews in Arab Lands Committee. "Our community is still largely unaware of the plight of the approximately 5,000 Jews remaining in Syria. Also, Jews from Arab lands who have settled in Israel and elsewhere are now a dispossessed people who have had their property and assets confiscated without compensation," says PP.

All in all, PP examined 11 CJC regional committees. Others investigated included: the Community Action for Israel Committee (CAIC), Joint Community Relations Committee, personnel, Soviet Jewry and youth activities.

More than twice as many Montrealers as expected registered at UJA outreach party. [Graphic Artists photo]

Former Montrealers turn out for UJA outreach program

TORONTO — The invitation read: "Calling all former Montrealers to a long-overdue welcome - to - Toronto party." And come they did — approximately 800 of them — but who could keep track!

The occasion was an outreach evening sponsored by the United Jewish Appeal community development department, headed by Judy Gwartz.

A planning committee made up of former Montrealers, with program chairman Bobbi Schachter at the helm, came up with the idea for an informal party for their fellow "emigres," primarily to acquaint them with Toronto's Jewish communal network, to mingle, have fun and officially "join the clan." The location was the Valley Tennis and Swim Centre, operated by the Jewish Community Centre.

"I've never seen anything like this," said Bobbi Schachter, as she stood at the main entrance gaping at the throngs of people waiting to register. "In our wildest dreams we didn't expect anywhere near this response."

The reaction from other committee members was also one of incredulity. Those who received invitations were asked to bring a friend, and it was obvious that just about every other person was brought by someone.

A planned program had to be abandoned as there were far too many people to assemble in one room. It didn't matter — people were having too good a time meeting former friends, and neighbors and acquaintances, with accompanying squeals of delight and recognition resounding throughout the centre all evening.

The most repeated phrases to be heard were: "I didn't know you had left Montreal," and "how long have you been in Toronto?"

"The kind of turnout we had clearly indicates the need for these people to start playing an active role in our community," said Judy Gwartz. "All we had to do was reach out to let them know how much we welcome their presence here."

As a result of the "former - Montrealer" party, 400 new names have been added to UJA's community roster.

"The only negative feedback we've had," said Schachter, "has been from people who asked why they hadn't been invited. It's simple. We didn't have their names. So if any of you former Montrealers out there want to be included next time, just call 977-3811, leave your name and address with Karen Durbin and we'll make sure you won't be left out."

Trip to inform

TORONTO — Abed Nagar and Jacob Sonnenschein of the mixed (Arab Moslem, Arab Christian, Jewish) community of Neve Shalom in Israel will be in Toronto from May 27-31 as part of a North American tour.

The purpose of their trip is to inform the North American public of their unique community and to promote its Arab-Jewish dialogue.

In Toronto they will be speaking May 27, 8 p.m. at St. Michael's College, (Brennan Hall Assembly Room); May 28, noon, at the Ecumenical Forum, 11 Madison Ave.; May 28, 8.15 p.m., Congregation Habonim, 12 Halloran Ave., and May 29, 7.15 p.m. at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave.

Neve Shalom was founded in 1970 and is situated 30 km from Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, and the West Bank town of Ramallah. A democratic community, it is administered by a secretariat meeting once a week in formal assembly. Participants share a weekly communal meal, celebrate the major festivals of the various religions or cultures and educate their children bilingually and pluralistically.

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Rabbi encourages research

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Speaking on three different occasions to overflow audiences, Rabbi Tokayer reported the results of his own study of the Jews of the Far East — complemented by his residence in that locale for almost 10 years. Among the revelations he shared with his audience are the following:

• The Jewish community of Kai-Feng in Honan province, China, flourished until relatively modern times. Chinese in appearance and culture, the Kai-Feng Jews nevertheless maintained strict Jewish practices and were respected by their fellow citizens. The community disappeared not from the ravages of anti-semitism but from China's xenophobia towards all foreigners.

• Evidence of Jewish settlements from pre-exilic times has been found in several areas of the Far East, including Tibet. Business contracts written in Hebrew were discovered there in recent years.

• Jewish migration patterns into the Far East were influenced by commercial interests and the famous "silk road" which brought Jewish travelers from the Levant through Persia and Bukhara to China, India and Japan. Jewish communities sprang up at the spots where the travelers stopped for Sabbath rest.

• Jews in India lived congenially under Hindu rulers and in one case acquired not only an independent Jewish state but a Jewish king as well.

• The caste system in the Indian sub-continent infiltrated the Jewish community to the point where the Cochin community found itself riddled with tension during the 30s when, during the height of the Ghandian revolution, an attempt was made to do away with quasi-segregated worship practices in the famous Pardesi synagogue.

• The Japanese government saved the lives of numerous Jewish refugees during World War II under the terms of the "Fugu Plan." It was believed that if Jews could be enlisted to support Japan, their "international" influence would be decisive in helping the aims of imperial Japan.

• The shell logo of Shell Oil is a legacy from the firm's founder, Jacob Samuels, who was sent by his English parents on a 1-way ticket to Japan in the late 19th century. Samuels became involved in the Japanese shell industry and made a huge fortune by exporting shell-inlaid jewelry boxes back to his family in London. His next business venture, oil prospecting in Indonesia, produced a gusher.

After amassing another fortune, Samuels sold out to Dutch interests, but not before insisting that the shell, with which he began his career in the coastal waters off Japan, become the symbol of the company — a constant reminder to posterity of the simple Jewish origins of this man.

Tokayer interspersed his narrative about the Jews of the Far East with personal stories and anecdotes to illustrate both the charm and the mystery associated with the Jewish presence in Japan, especially. According to the rabbi, there are several religious groups in the country which have practices curiously reminiscent of Jewish ones.

Shinto priests, he explained, wear a form of teffilin and cover themselves with a talith. Their shrines are architecturally similar to the Solomonic Temple.

Another group practices a form of "mountain worship" redolent of the experience of the Israelites before Mount Sinai.

A third religious organization has a sacrificial ceremony which appears to be modeled on the scapegoat rite which is described in the Book of Leviticus as the major focus of Yom Kippur.

Tokayer was quick to deny any absolute parallel between these customs and ceremonies and ancient Jewish ones, indicating that there was inconclusive evidence in this regard.

He urged listeners to visit the Far East as soon as possible because the "footprints of actual Jewish accomplishments there are fast becoming invisible."

Rabbi Tokayer's new book on the subject — Pepper, Spice and Ivory — will be published shortly.

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Describing the trip as "much more than a tour," Cesana said the participants will receive on-the-site training. For example, if a seminar deals with the Golan Heights, the group will then visit the area.

This year, he hopes to organize a Canadian contingent of 20 to 25 students, who will join the July 18 to Aug. 8 tour, although they can also be accepted on the June 6-27 and June 27 to July 18 tours.

The cost of the seminar is $1,070 U.S., and includes an open ticket good for 90 days.

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Reports Weizmann Institute leads in research of cancer

TORONTO —

Now that scientists have indisputably linked smoking and cancer, they are investigating whether the incidence of cancer increases if you drink coffee as well as smoke.

Thanks to recent scientific warnings, the number of cigaret smokers has decreased, but those who persist in puffing the weed are smoking more.

"The thrust therefore is how to help people stop smoking or never start," Dr. Louis Siminovitch, geneticist-in-chief of Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children, said at the Primrose Club here.

He discussed the recent advances in cancer research, treatment and prevention during the course of the 1982 Progress in Science lecture sponsored by the Toronto Medical Committee of Israel's Weizmann Institute of Science.

Dr. Siminovitch said scientists are also investigating whether there is a link between consumption of fats and breast cancer and whether large doses of vitamins will reduce the incidence of cancer.

"We have within our cells the seeds of our destruction," Siminovitch said. He pointed out that cancer genes are already resident in human cells at birth, as in birds and mice, and are transmitted vertically from parents to children.

In the international field of cancer research, he said, the Weizmann Institute "stands in the very forefront."

Toronto Medical Committee participants in the program included Dr. Barney Berris, who recently had a chair in cancer research established in his name at the Weizmann Institute in Rehovot, Israel; Dr. Brenda Kane, committee chairman; and Dr. Harvey Coopersmith, committee vice-chairman.

Science program participants include [from left] Drs. Harvey Coopersmith, Louis Siminovitch, Barney Berris and Brenda Kane. [Michael Rumack photo]

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Beth El Synagogue, which was dedicated 20 years ago, is situated on Morrison Rd., "in a very expensive area," said Chernia. The sanctuary, which doubles as a social hall when a folding door closes off the bima, can hold up to 100 people. There is a large, bright kosher kitchen and two classrooms, an office and a 2-bedroom apartment for the resident caretaker.

Like many synagogues in small towns, the Oakville congregation consisted mainly of merchants, said Rabbi Edward Goldfarb, who is the newly appointed spiritual leader of Beth El. "But then they found, to their chagrin, that there was a trend for the younger generation to move to the big cities and the same decline as in other communities set in."

However, he notes that there is a reverse movement taking place, as Toronto becomes a major cosmopolitan centre and bedroom communities flourish, with new Jewish communities. "It is this influx of younger and newer blood that has made merger talks possible and will provide both the numbers and energy for growth in what has been a declining situation."

Goldfarb, who will be ordained at the beginning of June, is the former director of education at Temple Sinai in Toronto. He left his post there three years ago to take up rabbinical studies at the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati. Since last September, he has been coming to Oakville on a regular basis, once a month.

He will officially assume his duties on July 15, after he has moved to Oakville with his wife and two children.

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Rabbi Simcha Kook [right] makes a religious presentation to Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

Program aims at the revival of traditions

By MIRIAM CHINSKY

TORONTO —

A recent program in Rehovot to bring youngsters closer to Jewish traditions may have implications for the rest of Israel, according to the city's Chief Rabbi, Simcha HaCohen Kook.

"We hope it will serve as a model for other communities," he said, in an interview with The Canadian Jewish News. "It is not enough just to build a country for Jews. It must be a Jewish country, with more and more Torah and observance of mitzvot."

Rabbi Kook was in Toronto recently for the Second Canadian Convocation on the Oral Law, which was held at the Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue.

Rehovot is the home of the Weizmann Institute and a campus of Jerusalem's Hebrew University. Although it has 100 synagogues, the majority of the city's 60,000 residents are not observant, said Rabbi Kook. "But our program Kairvu Lavovet (Close to the Heart) is proving a success. Non-religious parents and students are asking for more and more," he said.

Pupils from the non-religious schools, along with their teachers and principals, are brought for 1-day sessions twice each year, to a building which houses Rehovot's beth din (rabbinic court). Here they: learn about religious Judaism; are introduced to Torah; and are taught how to experience Shabbat and the holidays. Each boy puts on tefillin. The girls light Shabbat candles and make their own candlesticks to take home.

Says Rabbi Kook: "They are learning about these things from people who keep the belief, who live it, not from those who teach it as something that was practised 2,000 years ago."

The religious exposure is brief. "It is not enough, but we do what we can." He reports that a yeshiva and kollel (for married students) are currently under construction on land near the centre of the city, which was donated by the municipality.

Students, who are already accommodated in rented quarters, are expected to help with the children's program, and serve as "fathers." The word teacher, says Kook, does not appear even once in the Bible. Father is the term used for a moral, spiritual and religious guide.

Kook was born in a Jerusalem house built by his maternal grandfather. The house entered history when it served as the buffer between Jewish Jerusalem and the Arab-controlled sector from 1948 to 1967: the Mandelbaum gate.

Rabbi Kook's father was the Rabbi of Tiberias.

Kook says he and his associates hope to bring Torah to the "children, teachers and principals of Rehovot's schools, 75% of whom are non-religious."

He added: "Through the program's efforts, the grandson of a former chief of the Knesset whose own father was not bar-mitzvahed recently observed his 13th birthday in the full traditional way."

Conference on Learning Disabilities

Special education a must, says Rosenshein

By GARY COHEN

TORONTO —

An American educator told a group of concerned parents and teachers attending a 1-day conference on learning disabilities last week that, without special education programs in Jewish schools, there can be no real Jewish educational system.

Joel Rosenshein, director of clinical training in the division of special education at the New York City board of education, made his remarks during a closing address at the event held for teachers in the Toronto Jewish school system.

The first-of-its-kind Toronto conference was co-sponsored by the Board of Jewish Education, the She'arim Hebrew Day School and the Ezra School, with the co-operation of the Tikvah Hayim School and the National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto section.

Rabbi Irwin Witty, director of the Toronto Board of Jewish Education, called the conference — which was held at the Zionist Centre on Marlee Ave. — the kind of "cross-pollenation and exchange of ideas among Jewish teachers for which there has long been a felt need." Witty said the sessions had created "a bank of know-how and resources on which to draw."

In his address, Rosenshein, an ordained rabbi who is also the head of Parents for Torah for All Children, an organization devoted to the development of special education programs in Jewish schools, told his audience that "we can't have Jewish education and turn children away. You don't have to be an elitist Jew to be a Jew."

He said that entry standards which prevented some children from attending Jewish schools were "false standards" which contributed to "the travesty of justice destroying Jewish education."

Rosenshein stated that prevention and early intervention were the principles of special education. "If we can identify these children early we can avoid a lot of misery," he said.

He suggested the establishment of screening programs in schools, not to label children, but to identify problem areas. He also called for the creation of special education resource rooms and more intensive co-operation between various schools — especially those with different ideological orientations.

Citing successful examples of mainstreaming among visually impaired, deaf and other learning disabled children, Rosenshein noted that these youngsters had been stigmatized by professionals who had segregated and tagged them with pejorative appelations.

Through mainstreaming, he said, a positive message was being sent through the schools — "there are no dummies." Children are being allowed to strive towards their personal potentials.

"Not all children must go to college," Rosenshein said, adding that it was important enough to teach them how to make a living based on the strengths which they possessed.

The speaker maintained that both teachers and students benefited from special education programs. Attitudes among peers had changed drastically in schools offering programs for the learning disabled, according to Rosenshein.

At some, he said, Big Brothers systems had developed between learning disabled and other high school kids. Teachers are enriched because they have to learn special ways and skills which have tremendous applications for regular education, he explained.

Admitting that special programs often meant exorbitant expenses, Rosenshein urged parents and teachers to spearhead the drive to cull resources and expertise within and beyond the Jewish community. "We have no alternative," he said. "It only means turning our backs on ourselves if we don't take the next step. . . . You can't say leave it to somebody else. You have the mantel upon you. Look into yourselves."

Yosef Burg [centre] is flanked by [from left] Phineas Schwartz, Kurt Rothschild, Alex Grossman and David Kosoy.

Israeli minister lauds peace without foregoing security

TORONTO —

Israel is paying a heavy price for peace, but it still cannot afford to lower its guard in any way, said Israeli minister of the interior Yosef Burg in addressing a luncheon meeting in the law offices of Goodman and Goodman for State of Israel Bonds.

He said that after four wars and one war of attrition, Israel was ready to pay for peace by returning the Sinai to Egypt. At the same time, Egyptian intentions, while positively viewed, are ambiguous, while the threat from Israel's other neighbors is perfectly clear.

"The late Golda Meir said: 'In business dealings you can compromise, but in life you can't. You must continue to be alive and strong,'" said Burg.

"All of us are unsure of what Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak's actions will be now that he has what Anwar Sadat started out to receive. However, we do know that it is in the vital interests of the Egyptian government to continue with the process of peace. When the situation serves both interests we have a strong basis for co-operation," Burg said.

He told the audience that what the people and government of Israel are trying to accomplish is a society with justice, vision and values. "We are not oppressors. There are certain things that Israel cannot forego — internal and external security and defence."

Burg said he hoped autonomy negotiations will resume shortly with Egypt. "For the moment we are stuck because we want the negotiations team to meet in Jerusalem and the Egyptians refuse. They say they want further peace talks to be held in a neutral place. We disagree. We are not at war and there is no reason why our capital should be boycotted.

"The stumbling block is no longer the issues but the location. If all things go well, Begin will be in Washington on June 17 to meet with U.S. President Ronald Reagan and the question of location will be discussed there," Burg added.

Burg said the world is "hypocritical" and the media coverage is always slanted when Israel is the focus. "Britain reaps sympathy when she sends ships and warplanes 8,000 miles to defend territories in the Falklands. But when hostile forces gather a few miles from our border with Lebanon, we are condemned if we try to defend ourselves. Don't we have a right, too?"

Burg told the meeting, chaired by David Kosoy and Alex Grossman, general campaign chairmen for Toronto State of Israel Bonds, that Prime Minister Menachem Begin had heartily approved his present Bonds tour to Canada, the U.S., and South Africa.

Quoting Begin, Burg said he was urged to "go and explain why we need Bonds, why we want to continue building the Dead to Mediterranean Seas canal . . . and make sure you clarify the situation over here and what we are going through. We are always in motion and need the support of Diaspora Jews."

Dairy dishes are traditional for Shavuoth celebrations

By ESTHER FISHER

Why do we eat dairy dishes at Shavuoth? One reason may be that since the Torah is said to be "as nutritious as milk and as sweet as honey," we celebrate Shavuoth with dairy foods and sweet dishes.

Another idea is that we are following a tradition established by our ancestors in biblical times. Legend has it that the people waiting for Moses to descend Mount Sinai with the Tablets of the Law were so hungry they had no time to prepare fires to cook their meals. Instead they rejoiced with what they had — milk and cheese and honey.

Whatever the reason, cottage cheese is the traditional staple for many Shavuoth dishes. Fruit-topped cheesecake is the ideal dessert, for as well as commemorating the Giving of the Law, Shavuoth celebrates the first fruit of the season.

The recipe below is for an old-fashioned cheesecake with a blueberry topping. Fresh fruit may not be available now, but frozen blueberries make a terrific addition to an old standby . . . and remind you that summer can't be far off.

For main meals and side dishes, there are not many new ways of preparing cottage cheese. Avocados stuffed with cottage cheese and finely diced vegetables are a nice change from cheese blintzes, but instead of experimenting, why not make some mouth-watering cheese knishes.

And to get away from cheese and still make dishes like those grandma prepared, try spinach borsht or an easy buttermilk lokshen kugel, adapted from Fern Lebo's Instant Success Cookbook.

SPINACH BORSHT

2 pounds fresh spinach
3 quarts water
2 teaspoons salt
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1 tablespoon sugar
4 eggs
1 pint sour cream
Finely chopped chives or green onions for garnish

Boil the washed spinach in salted water until tender. Add sugar and lemon juice. Allow to cool thoroughly. Beat the eggs well and add to the sour cream while beating. When the spinach mixture is cold, add it to the egg-cream mixture, blending thoroughly. Garnish with chopped chives and serve with hot boiled potatoes.

CHEESE KNISHES

Pastry:
1 cup flour
¼ pound butter
½ pound pressed cottage cheese

Cream butter, add cottage cheese, blending well. Mix in the flour until a soft dough is formed. Shape into a ball; wrap in wax paper and refrigerate overnight.

Filling:
6 ounces pressed cottage cheese
1 egg
Salt to taste

Mix all ingredients together well.

Roll dough on a lightly floured board to ¼-inch thickness. Cut into 3-inch rounds. Place a teaspoonful of the cheese mixture in the centre of each round and fold over. Press edges together with a fork moistened in cold water. Bake on a lightly greased cookie sheet in a 425-degree oven for 15 minutes. These may be frozen and defrosted before reheating.

BUTTERMILK LOKSHEN KUGEL

1 package medium width egg noodles
2 eggs
2 cups buttermilk
1/3 cup white sugar
1 small can drained canned fruit salad
½ cup raisins

Topping:
1 cup crushed pineapple, well drained
¼ cup brown sugar
¼ cup melted butter

Boil the noodles in salted water for 7 minutes and drain. Mix noodles with all the other pudding ingredients. Pour into a buttered 9-inch x 13-inch baking dish. Mix the topping ingredients together and pour over the pudding. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour.

BLUEBERRY CHEESECAKE

2 cups crushed graham wafers
2 cups sugar
2/3 cup butter, melted
1½ pounds cream cheese at room temperature
4 eggs
2½ teaspoons grated lemon rind
1 carton frozen unsweetened blueberries, thawed
1/3 cup juice from the blueberries
2 teaspoons cornstarch

Mix crumbs, ½ cup sugar and the melted butter. Press crumbs over bottom and part way up the sides of an 8-inch springform. Set aside. Beat the cheese. Beat in 1 cup sugar, eggs and 2 teaspoons grated lemon rind. Pour into prepared pan. Bake 35 to 45 minutes in a 350-degree oven. Remove from oven and cool. Chill overnight.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Belleville article

In the article on the Belleville community (CJN May 6) you mentioned that "over the past months Cantor Paul Sheldon appeared in that community."

I would like it clarified that unfortunately I have not had the pleasure of visiting the lovely city of Belleville in years. Secondly, I am the senior rabbi of the Lodzer Centre Holocaust Congregation in Downsview and have been for two years.

In my position as senior rabbi I'm called to all parts of North America as a guest lecturer. However, your article misrepresented me. I was a cantor prior to my ordination as rabbi in 1976.

I hope this will be sufficient to establish not only my whereabouts but also my position in the community.

Rabbi Paul M. Sheldon
Toronto

Sensitive to racism

TORONTO —

New Democratic Party Leader Ed Broadbent is sensitive and concerned about the "threat of interracial discord, especially in our troubled economic climate," said Ted Greenfield, national chairman of the League for Human Rights of B'nai B'rith Canada.

Greenfield was one of a group of B'nai B'rith executives who met with Broadbent recently in his Ottawa office.

B'nai B'rith president Phillip Leon said it was a "highly productive exchange of ideas" and similar meetings are planned with Progressive Conservative Leader Joe Clark and various Liberal cabinet ministers.

Topics discussed with Broadbent included Canada-Israel relations, Nazi war criminals in Canada, Soviet and Ethiopian Jewry, human rights and community relations in Canada.

Other B'nai B'rith executives who participated in the discussions were Norman Simon, principal secretary; Frank Dimant, executive vice-president; and Morley S. Wolfe, president-elect.

Doctor outshines the stars at Woman's World 82 show

By MOURA WOLPERT
HAMILTON —

Notwithstanding Maggie T., Lynne Gordon, sex consultant Joyce Askwith or super shopper Rhonda Windsor-Maxwell, controversial movies, fashion shows and a host of other fascinating goings-on, one of the star attractions at the recent Woman's World 82 show in Hamilton was David Posen.

He packed them in. They kept coming and coming. Until more chairs had to be brought in. Until there was no more standing room. Until they finally had to close the door and tell those outside to come back the next day.

The Oakville family physician and one-time Arctic mohel, former member of the Ontario United Israel Appeal executive and Oakville UJA campaign chairman, was here to speak on Good Health — It's Your Choice! And he did so with down-to-earth common sense and a good deal of humor.

Starting out by telling his audience he'd rather have people come to his office for advice on how to stay healthy than with complaints, he proceeded to explain what he called the "bad" signs and the "good" signs.

Most people, said Posen, perceive symptoms in a vague way and a lot of people don't even know when they're feeling bad! Including himself, he confessed amid laughter, as he recounted how his patients finally sent him to the doctor when they saw that he looked worse than they did — and he discovered that what he had thought was merely a backache was actually pneumonia and pleurisy!

Among the bad signs he listed fatigue, headaches, muscle tension and sleep disturbance while feeling good means having energy, enthusiasm, happiness (though he noted there's not a lot of happiness going around), calm, confidence and self-esteem.

How you get to feel good has a lot to do with how you control stress, stated Posen. People who smoke, for instance, say they do it because it calms them, whereas in reality it actually adds to the stress. Others take to drink, and while one or two drinks a day may not be so bad, a lot of people don't realize how much they drink.

Or they eat too much. "The sun is up, I eat! I am anxious, I eat . . ." Forty per cent of all North Americans are obese, he declared, because they must resort to food whenever they are anxious.

"These are negative ways of coping and the trouble with them is that you usually get hooked on one!"

He used to harangue his patients, admitted Posen, but now he simply asks them to try. "Try going without coffee or tea for a couple of weeks and see how you feel," he advises. "Try not to smoke . . ." and when the going gets rough, he may help out with appropriate pills for the first few critical weeks. And he recommends Greek worry beads — they can do wonders.

Good coping, suggested Posen, is good nutrition, exercise, relaxation, recreation and assertiveness. Do whatever exercise works for you, whether it's running, walking, swimming or jogging — anything that gets your heart racing. And do it at least three times a week.

Time out is important, too. Everyone needs a holiday because "nobody can sustain continued stress without breaking down — but the key is to take your holidays before you need them.

"It's your choice," he concluded. "Know when you're feeling good and know when you're feeling bad. It's your choice what you do about it!"

And as his smiling audience filled out there was no doubt about how they felt: much better already, thank you, doctor.

Oh, and the Arctic mohel? That was a service he performed when he spent a year in the Arctic as a medical officer.

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Wiesel, writer of some 20 books on the Holocaust and a survivor of Auschwitz and Buchenwald, told the audience of over 500: "If our generation allows the Shoa (Holocaust) to be forgotten or distorts its facts, then we're guilty . . . and the future generation will condemn us as they will want to know what we did with so much knowledge."

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"Even in my own books on the Holocaust," Wiesel said, "what I wanted to say, I could not say . . . it goes beyond perception." Yet, he added, "the world couldn't survive unless we explained how it survived."

Discussing what he would teach Bar-Ilan students, Wiesel said his first priority would be the Holocaust. "I would tell them that there was a universe next to ours . . . where killers killed and vicitms died and it worked. The killers were quickly dehumanized and tried to dehumanize their victims, but it did not work. But the victims did not lose their humanity . . . the killers did."

Wiesel also said he would instruct Bar-Ilan students about love for Israel, as it is the "key to our nation's history."

According to Wiesel, it is "obscene and unfair" to argue that there was no resistance during the Holocaust. There was spiritual resistance — from the purchase of one pair of tefillin for a portion of bread in the camp — to actual physical resistance in the ghettos.

Greetings were extended by Herb Gray, federal minister of regional expansion; David Rotenberg MPP; Consul-General of Israel David Ariel; Kurt Rothschild, national president of the Canadian Friends of Bar-Ilan and Harvey Haber, president of the Toronto chapter. An honor guard was provided by members of the Toronto Post, Jewish War Veterans of Canada.

Other speakers included Canadian Jewish Congress president Irwin Cotler and Rabbi Gunther Plaut.

The Hungarian-born Wiesel is currently professor of humanities at Boston University and holds an honorary Doctorate from Bar-Ilan.

As chairman of the Holocaust Memorial Council, appointed by President Carter, he organized a worldwide conference of liberators in Washington. This June he will preside over the International Conference on Holocaust and Genocide in Israel.

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Executive producer is Stan Kates, president of Kates Advertising. Chief writer is Frank Kaplan, formerly of The Financial Post.

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The Pensos were enthusiastic after they toured the first Reena Foundation home in Toronto, but they were discouraged by the long waiting list, with priority for Toronto area residents. They also realized they would rarely see Michael if he moved to Toronto.

The Pensos approached Ottawa's Jewish Social Services Agency and the Social Planning Council of Ottawa-Carleton, which offered full support.

The first phase for the co-operative house calls for four trainable retarded people who will share the household duties and develop their own life skills in a planned atmosphere, within a Jewish framework. The second home will eventually accommodate six people who have a greater degree of retardation and need more supervision.

The Tamir priority for the moment is to match four compatible people able to share the planned accommodation. A selection committee is laying down guidelines for assessing applicants' developmental potential, personalities and ability to fit into a group housing situation.

"There are many people who could benefit in the Ottawa area and outlying towns of the Ottawa Valley," said Jacquelin Holzman, special needs co-ordinator of the SPC and a Tamir board member. "We want to reach all those people who might be interested in the innovative facility — now or some time in the future — and don't even know we exist."

"The group home offers the retarded Jewish adult a chance to integrate into the community in a way he or she could not develop in an institutional setting," said Penso. "There is a very real need for Tamir in the city. The community's retarded will be able to live independently and still remain a part of Jewish communal life. It will be good for them and their parents."

The Tamir proposal was approved unanimously by the Ontario government's local mental retardation advisory committee, said Holzman. The foundation's 1982 budgetary needs are currently in the hands of the social services ministry, although there is little likelihood of funding for this fiscal year.

Anyone wishing information on Tamir is asked to write to the Tamir Foundation, 1468 Larose Ave., Ottawa, K1Z 7X8 or telephone [613] 725-1846, after 1 p.m.

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Love or hate can't be legalized, but laws help, McMurtry says

By BEVERLEY STERN

TORONTO —

Racism is all-pervasive, but there is a tendency in this country to treat race relations as an independent problem, says Bhausabeb Ubale, race relations commissioner for Ontario.

Ubale calls such a separate approach "short-sighted" and says improved racial relations will come about only if treated as "an integral part of social policy planning."

Ubale spoke at an open house sponsored by the race relations division of the Ontario Human Rights Commission in a jam-packed auditorium at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education.

The meeting drew over 800 people and was described by invited speaker, Ontario Attorney-General Roy McMurtry, as "the largest gathering ever of community leaders committed to community relations."

The audience came from key sectors such as business, industry, boards of education, Metro Toronto Housing, social service . . . as well as diverse racial, religious and ethnic communities.

The open house was called to show a 20-minute film on the work of the race relations division and to distribute the province's chief strategy document for handling race relations called "Working Together."

Both film and document are availabale for public distribution. They are produced by the race relations division of Ontario Human Rights Commission which is in the Ontario minsitry of labor.

It was reported that 45% of the cases that come before the Ontario Human Rights Commission are racial in nature. Issues concerning women and the handicapped are also of major concern.

Ubale said his division, which was formed in 1979, acts as "mediator, facilitator and educator." He reviewed work with the Urban Alliance, churchmen, schools, downtown business groups and various municipalities.

"Whenever an issue, problem or conflict arises, our first major effort is directed towards mediation," he said. He said his division avoids high profile tactics, preferring to work behind the scenes to negotiate solutions between conflicting parties.

As explained in the strategy document, it is the enforcement arm of the Human Rights Commission, called Conciliation and Compliance Division, which handles investigations into racism.

The document says that one staff member has been assigned to each of the following sectors of the community to develop better community relations: schools, courts and the criminal justice system; business and industry; unions, municipal government; media; housing; minority youth employment; religious institutions; health care; and social service delivery systems.

In his address, McMurtry said: "The law is an imperfect instrument No legislation can codify ultimate human behavior or legislate people to love or hate.

"Nevertheless," he added, "we can use criminal justice to seek our goals of a just society."

McMurtry said the Ontario cabinet committee on race relations was formed in 1979, the same time the race relations division was set up and a race relations commissioner appointed.

According to the strategy document, cabinet and political attention generally began to focus on race relations in the mid-1970s when ugly racial incidents began to occur with increasing frequency in Ontario's cities, suburbs and even in remote communities.

The document states further that the province of Ontario has absorbed almost half of the immigrants coming to Canada in the post-war decades. It enacted the first Human Rights Codes in Canada in 1962, but that code was seen as inadequate as new immigrants with higher career expectations arrived.

In the view of the document, "some members of the dominant society, fearing the prospect of increased competition from new immigrants, openly voiced their opposition to immigrants' demands for equal opportunity.

"Many immigrants began to experience frustration and disappointments in finding and keeping jobs and openly asserted themselves and demanded equality of treatment."

The gap between the reality and expectations produced racial clashes that the race relations division is now mandated to correct, the document says.

Color slides, mobile display help CJC workers publicize plight of the Ethiopian Jews

TORONTO —

Ethiopian Jews are getting a higher profile these days, says Wendy Schelew, chairman of the Canadian Jewish Congress international affairs sub-committee on Ethiopian Jews.

Schelew told members of Ontario CJC Region at a recent meeting that a number of projects are now under way to publicize the plight of Ethiopian Jews.

She said there is a growing roster of speakers who are willing to go out of town and speak in small communities.

There is also an educational program, co-ordinated by historian Hesh Troper, which consists of a cassette program for schools. A mobile display of Ethiopian Jewry has already been sent to synagogue day schools and various organizations.

An hour-long color slide show of a recent fact-finding tour with Ethiopian Jews living in Gondar province is also gaining popularity amongst organizations. The show provides rare glimpses of the impoverished Black community of Jews who live in the hope that they will one day reach Israel.

Schelew, who went on the trip, said her group was often asked collectively, if it was the Messiah. It is commonly believed that jets will swoop down and take them away to Israel, she said.

Schelew said her group felt helpless in the face of the severe predicament of the Ethiopian Jews who are threatened by starvation, inadequate medical supplies and increasing restrictions from the central government.

The Ethiopian Jews are also caught in the middle of a civil war. The Gondar region, where most of them live, is just 50 miles away from the Etritrean province which is fighting the central government.

Schelew said upcoming projects included a clothing drive for the Ethiopian Jews, scholarships, financial aid for an Ethiopian cultural centre in Israel and an educational program for summer camps.

Pending approval from the Ethiopian government, Schelew reported a proposal now in the works involves sending a medical team of doctors and nurses to the Gondar province. Infant mortality is high and women die, on the average, about age 35, she said.

Exact figures for the Black Jews of Ethiopia are unknown. Estimates vary from 15,000 to 35,000.

Quoting statistics, Schelew said the Falashas started to arrive in Israel in 1979 when 37 were brought over. In 1980, the number was 679; in 1981, 600; and up to March 17 of this year, 538.

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Children's writer displays a gentle Jewish wit with her creation of strange and zany characters

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

"Shh!" cried Sloan. "You're making a fuss. I am an anteater and you, my dear fellow, are an ant! Anteaters eat ants. That's the way it is, kid. So please be quiet while I gobble you."

But the ant didn't feel like being quiet! And the ant didn't feel like being gobbled. "Can't we discuss things?" she said.

"I don't have time to discuss," said Sloan. "I'm hungry."

— Excerpt from Sloan & Philamina, or How To Make Friends With Your Lunch.

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They're not the usual run-of-the-mill characters . . . and children love them dearly.

Elliot Kravitz is a lonely porcupine who craves affection. Bo is a snake who can't be vicious. Sloan is an anteater who refuses to eat ants. Mountain Rose is a girl who wins recognition and respect by wrestling her way to stardom.

The creator of these strange and zany characters is a tiny, vivacious and suntanned woman of 32 who can't sit still when they're flowing from her pen. Patti Stren, a nice Jewish girl who was born and raised in Brantford, Ont., is an up-and-coming writer of children's books who seems destined for a fruitful career.

Stren, who is single (but eligible), has produced four picture books and one children's novel. They are Hug Me, Bo, The Constrictor That Couldn't, Sloan & Philamina . . . or How To Make Friends With Your Lunch, Mountain Rose, and There's A Rainbow In My Closet.

Hug Me, her first book, has been enormously popular, having sold a hefty 20,000 copies, and the others have done reasonably well.

In the autumn, she is bringing out I'm Only Afraid Of The Dark At Night. This is about an owl who, wonder of wonders, has a phobia about the dark. His name is Harold Tribune.

Stren, who lives in New York City, is currently at work on I Was A 15-Year-Old Blimp, a "sort of love story" involving an overweight girl.

"Writing is torture," she confided in an interview at the chic Courtyard Cafe. "At the beginning, when I started, I didn't know writing was so hard."

Sitting cross-legged in her chair, and sipping coffee, Stren discussed her craft and expressed amazement at how people regularly miscontrue it. "Everybody thinks they can write children's books, but they can't. People see something simple but they don't realize the talent it takes to do something simple and well."

It is infinitely more difficult, she explained, to maintain a child's attention. "You have to be completely honest and true in your writing. Kids are looking for a character with whom they can identify."

A child, unlike an adult, cannot be diverted by sex, gore or violence, she added.

If Stren is among the more successful writers in her specialized field, it probably stems from two main reasons. "My characters are quite vulnerable and open," she said. "Everybody wants to fit in. My sense of humor allows kids to be silly. I have a Jewish mother's humor."

Generally, she begins with line drawings, then graduates to words. "I'm a visual person." Ideas gestate, or bolt out of the blue. "Sometimes, I get a physical feeling of an idea building in me. It's like a wave that's about to burst out."

When she writes, she fidgets and moves. "I should be tied to my chair. I get so happy. I sit up and dance around."

But nothing comes easily to her. "I usually don't get it right the first time. I do many rewrites. I drop a page if it's boring." Hug Me she found most easy to do. "Of all my books, it came closest to being right the first time." She said she wrote and illustrated it in one week in her parents' den.

Despite the acclaim she has had, Stren does not take success for granted. "I'm always afraid I won't have another book in me. I'm pretty obsessive about it. Each book seems to be my last one. I worry a lot. I want my parents to be proud. I want to be known. I want to have a good reputation."

And yet Stren is not immobilized by this all-consuming fear, this dread of writer's block. In the future, she confided, she intends to be busy, churning out children's literature and adult humor books. The gentle Jewish wit she displays in the former may well be the bridge which leads her to the latter pursuit.

Stren's road to writing was not a straight and narrow one.

After studying teaching at Scarborough College, a branch of the University of Toronto, she spent a summer working at a hospital on the outskirts of Tel Aviv.

She worked with autistic children. "The very sensitive part of me understood these children who couldn't talk," she said. In order to communicate with them she did simple line drawings, and thereby discovered a latent talent.

Upon her return, she enrolled in a Montessori teaching course. Half way through it, she quit. "You had to be quiet. I couldn't. It was too disciplined for me."

She took a job in a Toronto daycare, and it was there she wrote her first story, for a boy who thought pretending was akin to lying. "I wanted to teach him how to play, to loosen him up. I think I know how to talk to shy people. I'm a gutsy shy person."

Stren enrolled at the Ontario College of Art. "I finally realized I was happiest when I was drawing." With the encouragement of her teachers, she developed the simple style which now characterizes her work.

From Toronto, she went to New York, where she studied at the Parsons School of Design under the famous Maurice Sendak. In her second year, she took her drawings around to publishers. They weren't too impressed. But finally, one Harper & Row editor, sensing her talent, responded warmly to her.

Brantford-born children's author Patti Stren

She told her that her drawings were so effective that they would overwhelm any book. The message was clear: She ought to write her own stories.

She has not looked back since, although she has contributed drawings to other writers' books.

The writing profession does not guarantee anyone riches, but Stren has managed to earn a comfortable living in recent years. "When I'm not making enough, David, my brother, helps. He's my patron saint. He doesn't want me to do garbage work." David Stren is a systems analyst and he lives in Toronto.

Asked why she has chosen to live in the U.S., Stren said she prefers to be close to the best editors, who work in New York. But she commutes to Canada quite often to see her parents, Sadie (an historian-archivist) and Maurice ("a retired brilliant businessman").

Sadie and Maurice Stren, by her own admission, are proud of their daughter. "But they'd like me to be home and be married. They worry about me."

She would not be adverse to marriage. She smiled. "You can say I'm single and available and have a lovely personality."

Stren, who enjoys jogging and swimming, does not believe that having her own children might improve her style. "But I'd steal their ideas left and right."

Nazi hunter Simon Wiesenthal explores difficult moral problem

books

By BERNARD BASKIN

Max and Helen
By Simon Wiesenthal
Gage Publishing, $13.95

Simon Wiesenthal is a remarkable personality. Founder and head of the Jewish Documentation Centre in Vienna, he has helped ferret out nearly 1,000 Nazi war criminals — among them Adolf Eichmann. In recent months, according to news dispatches, he has been closing in on the infamous Dr. Mengele, reported to be hiding somewhere in Central America.

What prompted this survivor of concentration and forced labor camps to devote his life to bringing Nazi war criminals to justice?

He is driven by a fierce desire to avenge those whose blood still cries out for justice and retribution. Wiesenthal was once asked by a friend why he didn't go back to building houses, which had been his work before the war. Wiesenthal responded, "I believe that when we come to the other world and meet the millions of Jews who died in the camps and they ask us, what have you done, there will be many answers. Some will say that they became jewelers, bankers or builders of houses. But I will say, 'I didn't forget you.' "

Some years ago Wiesenthal wrote a novel which posed an unforgettable moral dilemma. In Sunflower a Jewish concentration camp inmate is brought to a hospital where a Nazi officer, swathed in bandages, lies dying. The Nazi relates the terrible atrocities that he has committed against Jews, acknowledges his guilt, and asks the Jewish prisoner to forgive him so that he can die with a clear conscience. The prisoner listens in silence and at the end of the long recycle of horrors leaves the room without uttering a word.

The author used this incident to raise complex and searing questions. Who can offer forgiveness to those who have committed crimes against an entire people? Is contrition or acknowledgement of guilt enough? Isn't if for God rather than man to forgive?

Helen and Max is a brief, poignant and true story extracted from Wiesenthal's files. On a train in 1961 the author encounters a stranger who puts him on the track of a Nazi war criminal who has hidden his identity as an executive in a German factory. He is quickly identified, but Wiesenthal needs witnesses to his acts of sadism as commandant of a labor camp in the Ukraine.

After a prolonged search a witness is found in Paris. But Max, a haunted and broken figure refuses to testify against the Nazi. At last he confesses his problem to Wiesenthal and asks him to reach a decision.

Years before, Max and his fiancee had been inmates at the Ukrainian camp, until Max managed to escape. Twenty years after their separation, Max locates Helen, knocks at her door and is confronted by an 18-year-old boy who bears unmistakable resemblance to the camp commandant. Helen had been raped, but her son who knows nothing of his mother's past regards himself as a loyal Jew.

Wiesenthal's problem is shared by the reader. To prosecute the Nazi is to bring to light Helen's past and to shatter the life of her son. What would you do?

Translated from the German, the writing is undramatic and discursive. But the story out of the nightmare of the Nazi era speaks for itself. It resonates in the mind like a troubling dream.

Calligraphy handbook a charming introduction

By DAVID BIRKAN

A Guide to Hebrew Lettering
By Peretz Prusan
Union of American Hebrew Congregations

The proliferation of italic pen sets in department stores, of personalized greeting cards, customized posters and handwriting courses bears witness to a renewed interest in calligraphy. Peretz Prusan's 50-page coil-bound little handbook is a charming introduction to the art of Hebrew lettering.

Prusan's guide starts with the yod, which he describes as the building block of all Hebrew letters. He shows how the letter is formed from the basic calligraphic stroke, the dash. His directions are simple and clear.

However, mastery of that elementary dash is hard to achieve without some direct instruction and correction from a teacher, as this reviewer can testify from personal experience. In other words, some classroom experience would be very helpful, if not essential, for the best use of this Hebrew guide.

The experience need not be in Hebrew lettering. The italic alphabet — the first one taught in most calligraphy courses — has many basic strokes in common with several forms of the Hebrew alphabet. In addition, a similar type of patience and discipline applied to forming one language's letters will yield a similar aesthetic satisfaction and tranquility of mood when applied to another language. (For an interested Jew, Hebrew calligraphy should yield the most satisfaction; but this is a subjective opinion.)

Prusan's guide goes on to the formation of the vav, the gimel, the final nun, the tsadei, the reish and the final chaf, all extensions of the basic yod. The aleph, because of its relative complexity, is not shown until almost the very end.

The formation of each letter is shown step by step.

The relationship of the strokes between one letter and another is clearly indicated. Seeing how the letters are made of pretty well the same basic strokes will in itself prove satisfying to those who appreciate interconnections between things that seem superficially diverse.

In addition to the alphabet style whose construction he explains step by step, Prusan also presents examples of other types of Hebrew alphabets, The key to each, he explains, is in the yod. He writes: "If the yod begins slanted, all slant. If the yod begins with a bump, they all have a bump. You can create a multitude of styles as long as there is agreement of idea and form among the letters."

Prusan's guide should prove the start of a satisfying and fascinating hobby, providing certain basics of calligraphy are mastered beforehand.

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By RONA ARATO

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TORONTO —

New York dancer and photographer Joseph Pugliese will be one of the featured teachers at the Koffler Centre Summer School of Dance from June 28 to Aug. 6.

Pugliese, who has been credited with teaching actor John Travolta to dance, received a scholarship in dance at the Juilliard School of Music after attending the High School of Performing Arts in New York.

He has starred and performed in a number of Broadway and off-Broadway shows, including Mame, West Side Story and Grease.

His choreographic credits include One Life to Live for ABC-TV and Fiddler on the Roof at the Leah Posluns Theatre.

Other dancers to be featured at Centre Sum Dance a Bomers, W ford, Jacqu Foesier, Ma Patti Jar Rutherford, Tulloch and sier.

Closed door policy in N. American papers

Israeli pop music needs more media coverage

music

By RICK KARDONNE

Heinz Holliger, one of the world's greatest living oboists and one of today's major serious composers, performed recently with the Toronto Symphony and the Elmer Iseler Singers under the direction of Andrew Davis at Massey Hall.

Holliger is considered a true friend and popular artist within Israeli musical circles. He has performed frequently in Jerusalem, premiering several of his major works there.

His Siebengesang (literal translation: Seven Songs of Death) which was performed in Toronto, was also performed in Jerusalem in 1980 under the baton of the great trombonist, Vinko Globokar. This abstract work, based on surrealistic poems by Georg Traki, contains imaginative orchestration central on an oboe solo and climaxing with a female choir. At the same Jerusalem concert, Holliger conducted the world premiere of a composition by Globokar.

Holliger will be performing with the Jerusalem Symphony this coming February and has been invited by Isaac Stern to perform in the forthcoming (exact date not yet set) Israel Music Festival.

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In the forefront of pop music is Israel's Matti Caspi, whose opening act for Chava Alberstein's concert at the Minkler Auditorium on May 10, drew deserved enthusiasm.

Caspi's current album Twilight ranks with Sergeant Pepper and the best of Stevie Wonder as a modern day pop classic. Hebrew reggae, such as Caspi's, compares favorably to that coming from West Kingston in Jamaica.

Both musically and lyrically, Rastafarian reggae [especially the latter works of Bob Marley], has shown great compatibility to Jewish folk music. Hebrew reggae would probably be popular on local West Indian radio programs if more stations knew about it.

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It was pleasing to see Alan Niester's favorable review of the Chava Alberstein concert in the May 11, Globe and Mail. He correctly said that "given a bit more exposure, Chava Alberstein could be a star anywhere."

Hopefully, this will signify the end of the closed-doors-to-Israel policy emanting from much of North American mainstream media, such as the Village Voice and Rolling Stone. In these journals, there has been no coverage of Israeli pop music while there has been an abundance of coverage of pop groups from such places as Jamaica, Nigeria and Japan.

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Turning to Canadian Jewish cultural events: The Samuel Jacobson Foundation for Jewish culture in Canada has announced that $2,000 in prizes will be awarded for four best songs in the third annual international Koomkoom Jewish songwriting contest. First prize will be $1,000.

The songs will be performed live, accompanied by an orchestra directed by the celebrated Eli Rubenstein at a gala concert. A panel of distinguished judges will choose the winners.

Songwriters are invited to submit original, unpublished songs by Aug. 31, to Koomkoom Songwriting Contest, c/o Peter Smolash, 5025 Plamondon, Montreal, H3W 1E9 (phone 514-342-0441). Songs may be submitted in English, French, Hebrew, Yiddish or Ladino on a Jewish theme.

Entries must include (1) written lyrics, melody line and chords and (2) cassette tape. Material cannot be returned.

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The Women's Auxiliary of Baycrest, continuing its tradition of featuring first-rate performers, such as Paul Brodie and Marilyn Lightstone at its installation meeting this year engaged the rising opera star Anya Sharon who was accompanied by Opera-in-Concert's renowned founder and director, Stuart Hamilton.

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The seventh annual Great Canadian Poetry Weekend is to be held June 3-6 at Cranberry Inn in Collingwood. It will be led this year by 1970 Governor-General Award-winner Bob Nichol and will include a poetry and music cabaret. For additional information, phone (705) 445-3430 or write Great Canadian Poetry Weekend, Box 581(B), Collingwood, Ont.

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Mixed feelings arise over the inclusion of Holocaust songs composed by leading Greek composer Mikis Theodorakis, who is currently writing the national anthem for the PLO! The songs will be performed by one of Greece's leading female vocalists Maria Farandouri at Massey Hall on May 31.

The government of former York University professor, Andreas Papandreou, of which Theodorakis is a member, is one of the most anti-Israel and pro-PLO regimes anywhere outside of the Soviet and Arab blocs. When the Israeli basketball team recently visited Athens, it was subjected to an ugly anti-semitic audience.

It must be said, however, that the more the enormity of the Holocaust is brought to non-Jewish audiences, the better, especially within popular music audiences.

One of the songs which Ms. Farandouri will perform, Song of Songs, is a poignantly gripping lament of a wife whose husband is taken off to the gas chambers of Auschwitz. It was also written by Theodorakis, who composed the score for Zorba the Greek and Z.

Film speaks to those people trying to beat own handicaps

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Sullivan was a star athlete at Providence. He became an Olympic class wrestler, a skydiver, rowed with the Harvard crew, became a low handicap golfer and participated in other sports ranging from waterskiing and basketball to baseball and motorcycle riding. Unfortunately, these activities are only hinted at in the film. More attention to his feats and less emphasis on romantic disappointments would have given a better picture of the powerhouse adult Sullivan became.

There are some genuinely funny scenes, such as a campus blackout that Sullivan declares a "coup d'etat by the blind," but the audience is too often asked to laugh at Sullivan stumbling into walls, tripping over chairs and bumping into trees. One comes away admiring the tenacity of the young man, but questioning the taste of the director.

In spite of these flaws, the film does have merit and will speak to young people struggling through what, at the best of times, is a difficult age. Sullivan's spirit, his self-reliance and refusal to accept defeat, are inspiring and the scenes shot on location in Cape Cod are visually appealing. The title song, which is sung in the movie by Tom Sullivan, was written by Michael Lloyd who also wrote "You're the One," which Sullivan performs with Helen Reddy.

If You Could see What I Hear is a Cypress Grove Film Production, produced in association with Shelter Films Ltd. of Winnipeg. The screenplay, based on Sullivan's autobiography, was written by Stuart Gillard. The director is Eric Till. It opened recently at the York Odeon Theatre.

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The Hebrew Club for the Blind is a group that services the needs of Toronto's Jewish blind.

Working out of the northern branch of the Jewish Community Centre, this group provides entertainment and companionship for people ranging in age from 30 to 90.

According to coordinator Shirley Kirsh, these people are too often forgotten by family and friends. "We have about 40 members," said Kirsh, "and about 25 volunteers who drive them and help organize our programs."

Programs include speakers, Jewish singers and people reading Jewish stories aloud.

The goals of the group are summed up by a saying written by longtime member Sally Fine, who recently passed away. Fine wrote: "May this group bring sunshine to our minds and happiness to our hearts." That is exactly what the Hebrew club for the Blind strives to do.

Unique revue in Chinese dinner theatre

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Songwriters, a show which has just opened at the Cathay II restaurant, has two new ideas in cabaret format — it is thought to be Canada's first Chinese cuisine dinner theatre, and it lets the audience vote for the best new song.

An enthusiastic audience opening night gave a warm welcome to performers Rudy Webb, Arlene Duncan and Mary Ellen Mahoney, three very talented people, who are the regular cast of the show.

Their original material, plus adaptations of classics in pop music, make up a fast moving production, one that compares favorably to other cabaret shows in town. However, the seven new songs tend to become obscured in the listener's mind by the more familiar material of the regular show. The performers do a reprise of the showcase songs to bring down the curtain, but it isn't enough. The producers need to find some way of getting an audience response while it is fresh in their minds — perhaps an electronic grading out of 10 which is tallied on a screen for all to see.

One of the producers, Vivienne Muhling, who developed the concept, won the Dora Mavor Moore Award for cabaret for Indigo in 1980. Rudy Webb was one of the stars of Indigo. The other producers are Leonard Banks and Sandra Chapnik, solicitors for well known shows in cabaret, movies and TV, including Indigo, and a new TV series, Everybody Loves a Hero.

The new material by Larry Rodness, company manager, is clever, but predictable. Does every cabaret show in town need a number about Canadians making it in the U.S., about sexual aberrations involving whips, and turning Beethoven into bop?

The new songs, to be voted on, are pleasant enough, with much more emphasis given to their lyrics than their melodies. "We're the Banks," by Nancy White (hardly to be considered a newcomer to the songwriting world) has the advantage of being about the most popular villains in Canada today. It also has a rousing production style. The other new songs are by David Lawrence, Beth Harrington, Leslie Arden, Bob Johnson, Louie Natale and Carol Lipson. For the record, this reviewer rates the top three as "We're the Banks," "Touch Me Now," by Leslie Arden, and "Morning and Night," by Bob Johnston.

Song writers who would like to enter their material should send tapes to Songwriters at 11 Yorkville Ave., Suite 407.

The songs will change every few weeks.

Writers' Union elects 4 Jewish Canadians

TORONTO —

Toronto novelist Matt Cohen was elected chairman of the book committee as well as national vice-chairman of the Writers' Union of Canada last week when more than 200 Canadian authors gathered at University of Guelph for their annual general meeting.

Three other Jewish authors assumed various posts. Toronto lawyer Aubrey Golden, co-author of Rumors of War, was named co-chairman of the book contract agreement committee. Erna Paris, Toronto author of a recent history of the Canadian Jews, was named Ontario representative of the national council.

Frank Rasky, Toronto author of The Taming of the Canadian West and the recent 2-volume history of Arctic explorers The Polar Voyagers, was appointed to the rights and freedom committee.

Cohen, most recently writer-in-residence at University of Western Ontario in London, is author of Flowers of Darkness, Too Bad Galahad, Peach Melba, and Columbus And the Fat Lady.

Harbourfront fete

TORONTO —

Harbourfront was deluged by children last week when the FirstBank International Children's Festival took place.

Thousands of kids trooped to Harbourfront to watch theatre performances, jugglers, puppeteers and acrobats. Fifteen companies from Canada, the U.S., Sweden, Japan, West Germany, England and Czechoslovakia participated in the 6-day event, jointly produced by Harbourfront and the Vancouver Children's Festival.

The Bank of Montreal, the sole corporate contributor, gave the festival $65,000.

It opened with a performance for the press by Japan's Theatre Kaza No Ko. Three men and two women performed 2+3, a joyous 60-minute play which combined science and mathematics with literature and drama.

Although the performers' thick Japanese accent was something of a barrier, the kids were not at a loss and they enjoyed the show. Organizers said that about 24,000 children and adults went to the festival.

New York dancer will teach at Koffler School

TORONTO —

New York dancer and photographer Joseph Pugliese will be one of the featured teachers at the Koffler Centre Summer School of Dance from June 28 to Aug. 6.

Pugliese, who has been credited with teaching actor John Travolta to dance, received a scholarship in dance at the Juilliard School of Music after attending the High School of Performing Arts in New York.

He has starred and performed in a number of Broadway and off-Broadway shows, including Mame, West Side Story and Grease.

His choreographic credits include One Life to Live for ABC-TV and Fiddler on the Roof at the Leah Posluns Theatre.

Other dancers to be featured at the Koffler Centre Summer School of Dance are: Carina Bomers, Wenda Crawford, Jacque and Jeanne Foesier, Maxine Heppner, Patti James, Dawn Rutherford, Clara Vogan Tulloch and Melissa Foesier.

Joseph Pugliese ... at Koffler Centre

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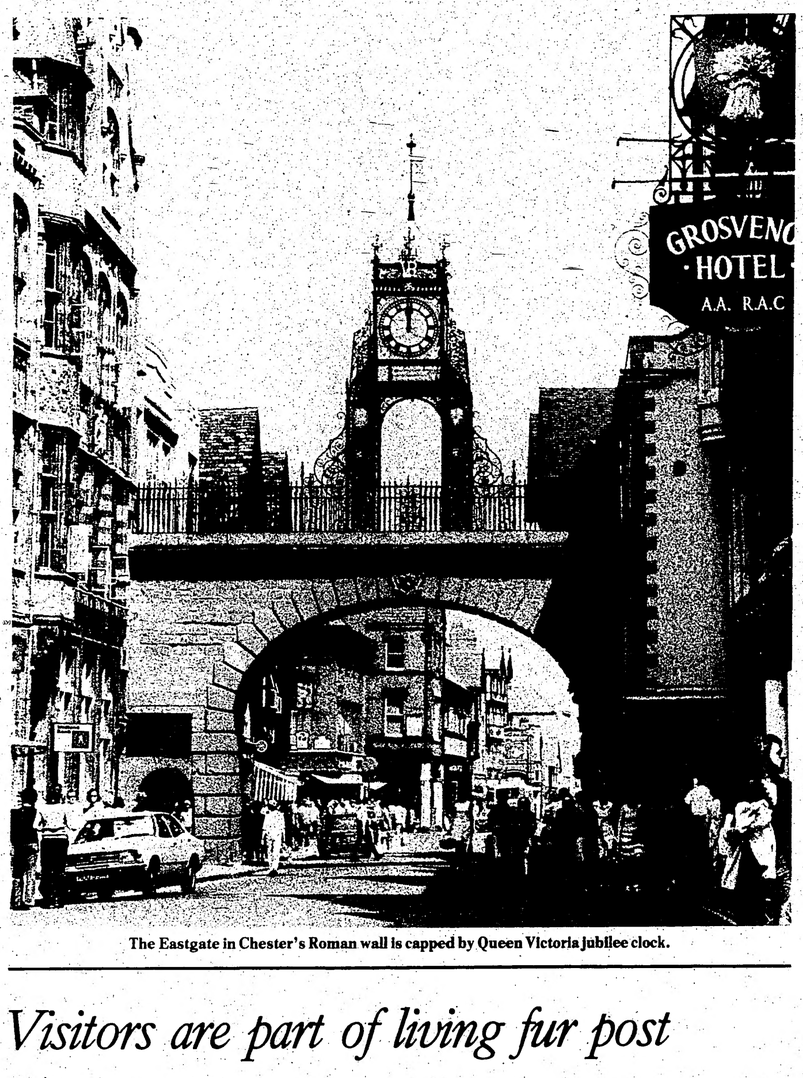

The Eastgate in Chester's Roman wall is capped by Queen Victoria jubilee clock.

By JAMES MONTAGNES

CHESTER, England —

You will have plenty of company when you walk along the top of the 2,000-year-old wall which still surrounds the central part of this modern city on the English-Welsh border.

On a fine sunny day it seems half the population is out walking along the wall, first built by the Romans of the 20th Legion. The two miles (3.2 kilometres) of wall and the gates through it into the city have been kept in use throughout the ages.

Chester was a major seaport for trade with Europe before its River Dee began to silt up some 500 years ago, and the trade gradually went to the then small fishing village of Liverpool. Chester is still prosperous and many of the houses of its heyday as a seaport line the streets of the old part of the town.

Today's industry in Chester has meant the construction of an express-way ring about the city, with a second dual carriage way, the English equivalent of a divided expressway.

But getting back into the past. The Roman and medieval wall about the city has some of the original narrow gates into the city, while a few have been widened for today's motor traffic. The walls have fortifications of the Roman period and the Middle Ages, and more recent ornaments such as the clock above the East Gate erected in 1897 for Queen Victoria's diamond jubilee.

Near the Newgate is a partly excavated Roman amphitheatre and a section of a Roman garden. In the Grosvenor Museum, a Victorian style building, you can see more relics of the Roman period. Throughout the old parts of the city are remains of Roman walls, buildings and streets.

But the most interesting old buildings for most visitors are The Rows on Watergate, Bridge and Eastgate Streets. These are Tudor design houses with shops at streetlevel and arcaded shops on the next level. Living accommodations are on two or three more upper floors.

When and how The Rows came into existence is not precisely known, but it is believed they were built in the 13th and 14th centuries in front of massive Roman ruins and extended upwards over the years. The shops in The Rows are now mainly specialty places, dealing in antiques, silverware, boutiques and groceries. You can window-shop or do some actual shopping here in all weathers — the arcade protects against the rain and the wind.

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Former AJC regional director offers all day tours of Miami

MIAMI BEACH —

You don't have to be Jewish to enjoy a guided bus tour of cultural highlights in the Miami Beach area.

Synagogues, monuments, art and schools take on new meanings and rich interpretations under the leadership of Dr. Sam Brown, former executive regional director of the American Jewish Congress for more than 20 years.

The resident of Deerfield Beach, Fla., formerly of Philadelphia, designs all-day tours to suit groups ranging from condominium residents to educational organizations. Individuals may also reserve seats on the bus.

The Miami Beach portion of a typical tour begins with the colorful Cuban Hebrew Congregation, 1700 Michigan Ave. The congregation consists of 300 Spanish-speaking members, most of whom fled Fidel Castro's dictatorship in their native Cuba.

A riot of bright colors fills the stained glass windows, which portray the 12 tribes of Israel, the 10 Commandments, and scenes from Jewish holidays and Jewish history.

To personalize the visit, Dr. Brown usually interviews a member of the congregation who stresses his gratitude for freedom of worship in America.

Switching to a more sombre mood is Temple Beth Raphael, 1545 Jefferson Ave., perhaps the only temple in the world dedicated to the six million Jews killed during the Nazi Holocaust.

An impressive memorial wall in front of the synagogue is created with mosaic tiles and personalized plaques in which members honor deceased relatives who were killed in Germany, Poland, Hungary and France. This was the idea of member Kack Kubel, a survivor of four years in a Nazi concentration camp.

After a break for lunch, the group enters the peaceful, inspirational garden of Temple Beth Sholom, 4141 Chase Ave. An intricate ceramics wall, dedicated during America's bicentennial celebration, highlights the achievements of such Jewish leaders as Henrietta Szold, the founder of Hadassah, and Golda Meir, former Prime Minister of Israel.

Sharing space in the gardens is the provocatively-haunting memorial sculpture of scenes of Jews being led to their deaths during the Holocaust.

An impromptu peek at Jewish children learning the Hebrew language and Jewish history is featured at the next stop, The Hebrew Academy, 2400 Pinetree Drive, which educates 600 students from nursery school through the 12th grade. The school is more than 30 years old.

The next stop is a typical kosher bakery, the Paramount, 1407 Washington Ave., where a seeded rye bread is usually the most popular request.

Then, it's south to the Kether Torah Hebrew Book Store, 935 Washington Ave. This is headquarters for Rabbi Yakov Guryn, a sofer, a person who practices the ancient art of writing Hebrew in a Torah. Rabbi Guryn points out that it takes a sofer approximately nine months to write a Torah.

The last stop for the afternoon is at the Lubavitch Educational Centre, or Chabad House, 1140 Alton Rd. The building consists of an elementary school for 60 students and a synagogue.

For further information on the tours, contact Dr. Brown, (305) 421-8431.

Package rates available at health spas in Florida

MIAMI —

Health spas are coming back into their own. Popular at the turn of the century, especially in the New York and Great Lakes area, health spas gradually disappeared in North America, as the trend saw weightwatchers and fitness-oriented vacationers head for central European health spas with their gambling casinos and cultural attractions.

Now the fashion is coming back to North America, and Florida has a number of such resorts where luxury abounds but food is carefully doled out so that guests can lose weight, yet enjoy the activities to be found at other southern vacation spots.

One of the oldest of such health spas is Harbor Island Spa, just off the 79th Street Causeway between Miami and Miami Beach. It has been in existence for over 25 years on an island in Biscayne Bay.

Physical exercises play an important part in the program for the diet-conscious. There are a number of exercise rooms, daily gymnastic and yoga classes, sauna and steam rooms, indoor and outdoor hot water jacuzzi facilities, heated outdoor mineral water swimming pools, and a variety of massage treatments.

For those who like active sports there are tennis courts for daytime and night use, golf course facilities, shuffleboard games, and a putting green. Or guests can relax on the beach under swaying palm trees.

Harbor Island Spa, like most such health resorts, caters to the affluent and the accommodations at the resort reflect this fact. Guest rooms are luxurious, all have the furnishings of the most expensive urban hotels, while the resort maintains all the services associated with major city hotels, including boutiques.

Because most guests come to lose some weight, diets are established, and the gourmet food in the dining room and snack bars fits the diet on an individual basis. For those desiring kosher food, this is also available.

Like European health resorts, there is evening entertainment here, and there are card rooms for those who want to play bridge or other card games. Not far from the resort guests can go sailing or attend spectator sports such as Jai Lai, greyhound or horse racing at nearby tracks.

Harbor Island Spa is operated as a family affair by Larry Pasków, who has followed his own recipe over the years and slimmed from 280 pounds to just over 200 pounds.

Recently another resort spa opened in the area, the Fort Lauderdale Inter-Continental Hotel and Spa at Bonaventure, with separate spa facilities for women and men, including outdoor exercise swimming pools, gymnasiums, saunas and steam rooms, whirlpools, massage services, medical facilities, and nutritionists to arrange diets.

On the west coast is the long-established Safety Harbor Resort near Tampa and Clearwater. Over the years it has catered largely to older folk, but in the past year has started slimming programs for younger people, with waiters in the dining room making sure that guests do not exceed their diets!

Package rates are available at most of the health spas for periods from one week up. All are within easy access of major airports.

Visitors are part of living fur post during a visit to Old Fort William at Western end of Lake Superior

THUNDER BAY, Ont. —

Each summer in the early years of last century, the fur traders and trappers used to rendezvous at the Fort William fur post, at the western end of Lake Superior. The old fur post has been fully restored and today's summer vacationers can watch the daily happenings as if it were yesteryear.

It's a fun visit to old Fort William on the Kaministikwia River in a forested setting, not far from the original site where the first fur post was opened in 1803. The restoration has almost 50 buildings, from the canoe repair shops to the Counting House where the meetings of the old North West Company were held. The restoration was done by the Ontario government over a 5-year period at a cost of $12 million.

Everything has been done to authenticate the activity of the fur post, with today's students playing the roles of fur factors, artisans, cooks, and even staff of the fur post's small hospital. In costumes of the day and speaking always in the present tense, they quickly make visitors feel like they, too, are part of the living fur post.

You get thumbnail facts and a coded map of the 10-acre site before viewing an audio-visual briefing. Then you are ready for a tour of the grounds — on your own or led by a costumed tour guide.

There is the doctor, for example, describing with tutored erudition the emetics and other balms on his dispensary shelf.

Lowering his steel-rimmed spectacles, the doctor grimaces at the suggestion of a visitor who thought that the nemesis of the voyageur or fur trader might have been tuberculosis — a word yet to be invented for a malady known only in the 19th century as "consumption." But he tells you that the real killer of the voyageurs was hernia — "and there is not a damn thing we can do for that."

The voyageurs did not live long, seldom to 35 or 40 years. Although canoe travel was always dangerous, hernia was the real occupational hazard. By company order the voyageurs had to be about the size and weight of a steeplechase jockey, 5-ft. 2 and 130 pounds. But he was expected to carry 90-pound bales of fur and supplies on countless portages.

Despite the 24- to 36-foot length of the canoes, big men tended to tip the canoes, which took eight to 10 men to paddle. Small fur traders also allowed for more room for the 3,000 pounds cargo plus fur company partners each canoe was expected to carry.

As in the days of old, you'll find the campsites of voyageurs and Indians outside the fort stockade. The voyageurs were only allowed inside to buy trade goods, food or have their canoes repaired.

In the fort you can watch heated trade talks going on in the Council House, listen to the lively tunes of the fort's fiddler, sample fur trade food in the canteen, see the company officials walking about accompanied by a Scottish piper, or watch a kicking, screaming man being herded to the jail.

You can watch big cargo canoes being built, wander into the shops of the carpenter, tinsmith, blacksmith, or tailor, the kitchens, the store buildings, or visit the farm animals kept outside the palisade.

You can see native craft items being made, the tanning of hides, making bread and churning butter, and the packing, grading and weighing of furs.

Old Fort William is open from late May to early October, with a re-enactment of the Great Rendezvous during July. You can reach it through Ontario by the Trans-Canada Highway along the north shore of Lake Superior or through the United States via Wisconsin and Minnesota to Duluth and north to Thunder Bay. Airlines, as well as bus and rail transportation will take you to Thunder Bay.

The river at Kakabeka Falls, near Thunder Bay, drops 128 feet on its way to Lake Superior.

Near Thunder Bay is Kakabeka Falls, where the Kaministikwia River plunges 128 feet into a rocky gorge — a small version of Niagara Falls. Near here also is Sibley Provincial Park, where giant stands of white pine are still found. A century ago silver was mined here.

Thunder Bay used to be two cities, Fort William and Port Arthur. The shoreline is dominated by Mount McKay, a popular winter rendezvous for ski-jumpers and training area for Olympic ski-jumping events.

The combined city has other attractions including several local museums, a small zoo, grain elevators for Western wheat and major port factilities for Great Lakes freighters.

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By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —

Beginning next September, providing there is sufficient enrolment, a Hamilton high school may offer a credit course in Hebrew.

If all goes as planned, the 3-hour-a-week lessons will be held one evening a week at Westdale Collegiate. The course will be in intermediate Hebrew — the equivalent of a grade 11 credit course — with an entrance requirement of a

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TORONTO —

More than 200 members of the Farber family will chip in a total of $10,000 to attend a mammoth family reunion June 5 and 6 in the Centennial Ballroom of Toronto's Inn on the Park.

The ballroom will be decorated with huge photo blowups of Rabbi Max and Pia Farber who emigrated here from Lipsk, Poland, in 1908.

He was rabbi of the old Beth Jacob Synagogue on Henry St., whose congregation has since moved to Overbrook Place in north Toronto. He died in 1936 at the age of 81.

The Farbers had 11 children, now all deceased. There were 37 grandchildren, 82 great grandchildren, 102 great-great grandchildren, and one great-great-great grandchild, Daniel Alter, 6 months old, of London, Ont.

Altogether the family numbers 346 persons. Those attending the reunion come from St. Catharines, Kingston, London, Gravenhurst, Halifax and Vancouver. In

Rabbi Max Farber, shown here with Grossman, and his grandson, came Poland in 1908.

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But Kaplan said repeatedly at the meeting that Canada does not have the legal machinery to prosecute war criminals.

A brief to be presented next month by the Canadian Jewish Congress says there are no legal obstacles to the prosecution of war criminals, the Toronto Star reported (May 19).

The brief, written by a committee of 12 lawyers and their advisors from the Canadian Bar Association, states Canada should amend its laws and take advantage of those already on the books to go ahead with prosecutions here.

Irwin Cotler, president of the Canadian Jewish Congress and one of the writers of the report, said the brief examines and analyzes four options open to the government: extra-

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Hamilton collegiate considers Hebrew course

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON — Beginning next September, providing there is sufficient enrolment, a Hamilton high school may offer a credit course in Hebrew.

If all goes as planned, the 3-hour-a-week lessons will be held one evening a week at Westdale Collegiate. The course will be in intermediate Hebrew — the equivalent of a grade 11 credit course — with an entrance requirement of a minimum six years of Hebrew, but preferably nine years. Those with six years will have to pass a qualifying exam.

Announcement of the course was made recently by Edna Magder, one of a group of parents who have long felt there is a need for it.

Although Hamilton has a day school, the Hebrew Academy, it is a junior school for children from kindergarten to grade 8 and parents who want their children to continue Hebrew studies have been forced to send them to schools in Toronto, Buffalo or Rochester.

Not all parents are willing to do this, explained Dr. Neil Morris, a pediatric neurologist and father of four who is one of the prime movers behind the project. His eldest daughter is now in grade 7 at the Academy and though he would like her to carry on with her Hebrew, he has no intention of sending her out of town.

The question finally came up as to how Hebrew studies can be continued in Hamilton "and after considering various ideas," he said, "we came up with the high school option."

It would be irresponsible on the part of the Jewish community, feels Morris, to deny Jewish children the opportunity to continue their Hebrew studies . . . "and when there is a discrepancy between what you want and what is available, you go after what you want!"

The group of about 10 parents began examining various possibilities two years ago and, encouraged by director of education A. J. Krever, "set out to get more facts," said Mrs. Magder, whose husband, Dr. David Magder, is chairman of the Council of Jewish Education.

Their 13-year-old daughter Ruth is completing grade 8 at the Academy and will be entering high school in the fall, while 11-year old Danny is in grade 5, and Israeli-born Mrs. Magder is anxious for the children, who regularly visit their grandparents in Israel, to have a thorough knowledge of Hebrew.

She undertook to do the groundwork, which involved a considerable amount of research into the curricula of schools in Toronto and New York and finally found that of William Lyon Mackenzie Collegiate Institute in Toronto to be the most suitable model.

At this point, Mrs. Magder said, "we have between 12 and 18 possible students." A minimum enrolment of 15 students is needed for the course to be offered and she hopes that all those who have expressed an interest will join.

June 5 and 6 set for reunion of the Farbers

TORONTO — More than 200 members of the Farber family will chip in a total of $10,000 to attend a mammoth family reunion June 5 and 6 in the *Centennial* Ballroom of Toronto's Inn on the Park.

The ballroom will be decorated with huge photo blowups of Rabbi Max and Pia Farber who emigrated here from Lipsk, Poland, in 1908.

He was rabbi of the old Beth Jacob Synagogue on Henry St., whose congregation has since moved to Overbrook Place in north Toronto. He died in 1936 at the age of 81.

The Farbers had 11 children, now all deceased. There were 37 grandchildren, 82 great grandchildren, 102 great-great grandchildren, and one great-great-great grandchild, Daniel Alter, 6 months old, of London, Ont.

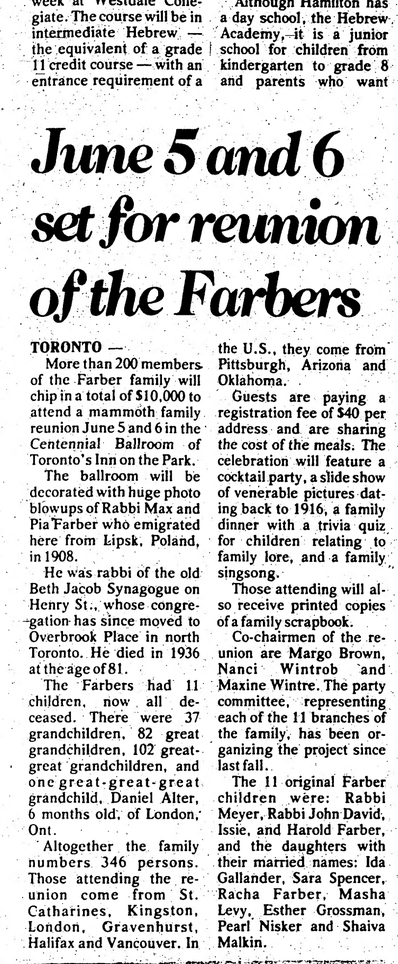
Altogether the family numbers 346 persons. Those attending the reunion come from St. Catharines, Kingston, London, Gravenhurst, Halifax and Vancouver. In the U.S., they come from Pittsburgh, Arizona and Oklahoma.

Guests are paying a registration fee of $40 per address and are sharing the cost of the meals. The celebration will feature a cocktail party, a slide show of venerable pictures dating back to 1916, a family dinner with a trivia quiz for children relating to family lore, and a family singsong.

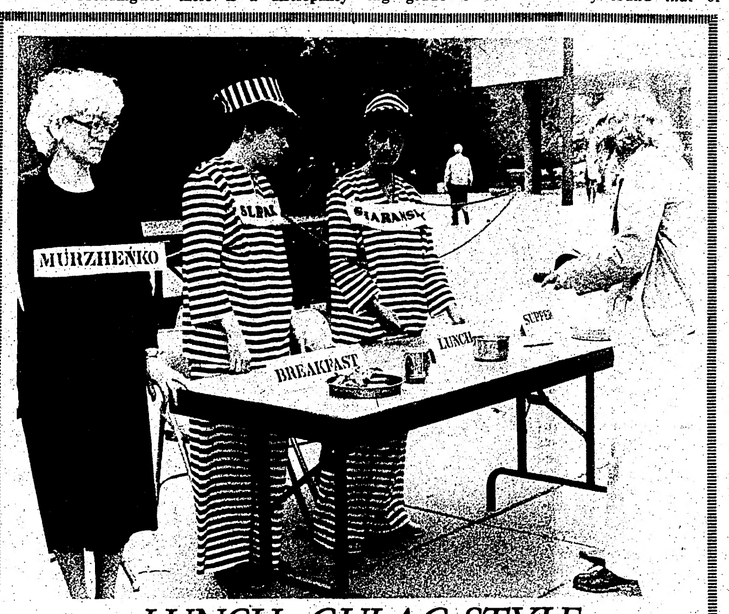
Those attending will also receive printed copies of a family scrapbook.

Co-chairmen of the reunion are Margo Brown, Nanci Wintrob and Maxine Wintre. The party committee, representing each of the 11 branches of the family, has been organizing the project since last fall.

The 11 original Farber children were: Rabbi Meyer, Rabbi John David, Issie, and Harold Farber, and the daughters with their married names: Ida Gallander, Sara Spencer, Racha Farber, Masha Levy, Esther Grossman, Pearl Nisker and Shaiva Malkin.



Rabbi Max Farber, shown here with daughter Esther Grossman, and his grandson, came to Toronto from Poland in 1908.



LUNCH, GULAG STYLE

A "lunch" of black bread and potatoes — the staple of Prisoners of Conscience in Soviet prison camps — was hosted for the public outside Toronto's city hall recently. Event was organized by the Committee for Soviet Jewry, Ontario Region of the Canadian Jewish Congress and by the Toronto Group of 35. Shown are [from left] Florence Shecter, daughter Debbie and Marsha Slavens, committee members. [Michael Rumack photo]

Strengthening of familiies needed to fortify U.S. Jews

CHICAGO — **"The weakening of a sense of identity among American Jews can only be countered by strengthening the Jewish family and building a strong Jewish community."**

That was the assertion of Arthur Rotman, executive vice-president of JWB, at that organization's recent biennial convention at the Chicago/Marriott Hotel.

"A majority of American Jews is uncommitted and unaffiliated," Rotman said. "Jewish community and continuity today are threatened by the increasing rate of intermarriages. The children of these mixed marriages are in particular need of the community's attention."

Rotman singled out the Jewish Community Centre as "the one institution in American Jewish life that can best deal with these problems.

"Many otherwise unaffiliated families and individuals who seem to reject any direct involvement in anything Jewish do become involved in the Centre. For many, it is their only connection with Jewishness.

"Similarly, the Jewish Community Centre is the one connection that many intermarried families and their children have with Jewishness."

Turning to another problem, Rotman said: "Less than 40% of Jewish children receive any kind of Jewish education. Even among those who do, a recent study shows that Jewish education alone is not enough to build a sense of Jewish identity.

"The efforts of our Jewish educational institutions need to be reinforced by experiences and associations which have the capability of strengthening Jewish identification.

"The Jewish Community Centre provides reinforcement to the more formal Jewish educational institution. It is also a primary place of Jewish learning for many of the more than 60% of our young people who receive no formal education.

"The JCC is not in competition with the synagogue and the formal Jewish school," Rotman asserted. "It complements the synagogue and the school. But more important, the JCC reaches a significant portion of the community not reached by any other Jewish institution."

Rotman referred to the phenomenon of increasing Jewish mobility.

"We now have a wave of migration within America," he said. "In the south and west, where barely a handful of Jews lived a generation ago, now there are tens of thousands. Younger families move from one place to another every five years.

"Centres have responded to this Jewish mobility. They not only welcome the newcomers into their local communities, but they are now working on establishing a national Jewish Community Centre network so that Jews on the move can find an immediate welcome in the new community, picking up with their Jewish activities in the new JCC."

Rotman stated that "one of every six Jews will be over 65 by the end of the 1980s" and noted there are approximately 180,000 Jewish older adults taking part in extensive recreational and educational programs conducted by JCCs.

Forum to discuss TBE report about race relations

TORONTO — A forum to discuss the implementation of the race relations report, prepared by a sub-committee of the Toronto Board of Education, will be held at The Education Centre, 155 College St., on June 9 at 5.30 p.m.

The forum is open to parents, the general community, staff and students.

Group discussions will be held on curriculum, student assessment and placement, racial incidents in school, extra-curricular activities and student camps, system sensitivity and in-service opportunities, and employment, promotion and race relations.

The keynote speaker will be Alan Borovoy, general counsel for the Canadian Civil Liberties Association. Closing remarks will be made by Doug Barr, chairman of the sub-committee on race relations in 1979.

Participants should register by June 4 and submit a registration form to the board.

For further information, call 598-4931, ext. 623/4/5.

Kaplan under attack for report on Nazis

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But Kaplan said repeatedly at the meeting that Canada does not have the legal machinery to prosecute war criminals.

A brief to be presented next month by the Canadian Jewish Congress says there are no legal obstacles to the prosecution of war criminals, the Toronto Star reported (May 19).

The brief, written by a committee of 12 lawyers and their advisors from the Canadian Bar Association, states Canada should amend its laws and take advantage of those already on the books to go ahead with prosecutions here.

Irwin Cotler, president of the Canadian Jewish Congress and one of the writers of the report, said the brief examines and analyzes four options open to the government: extradition, denaturalization, deportation and prosecution.

The five suggested ways of prosecuting war criminals, the report continues, is through The Criminal Code of Canada, the Geneva Conventions Act of 1965, international common law, Canada's War Crimes Act, or the enactment of new legislation.

Extradition is called "a limited remedy" because of the obstacles which surround it. The other options are preferred remedies.

In The Toronto Star story, Ronen said Kaplan told him a few days before the constituency meeting that the brief would be "illegal" and groundless.

But Kaplan told the audience at his meeting that the newspaper's quote was taken out of context and he has not judged the legal document, which he has not yet seen. "I said if the opinions that came in the new brief were the same as before, they would not stand up."

The solicitor-general was asked if he would release the legal opinions of government lawyers on why alleged Nazi war criminals living in Canada could not be prosecuted.

Kaplan replied that, as a general rule, these legal opinions to the government are not released publicly so that ministers are encouraged to seek these viewpoints. He added, however, he would consider releasing them to certain individuals — in confidence.

During the meeting, angry members of the audience told him he was acting "politically unwise" and he was urged to resign.

Award given for film

TORONTO — This Year in Jerusalem, the radio program about the 1981 World Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors, won an Association of Canadian Television and Radio Artists (ACTRA) award for best radio program of the year.

The program was produced by Dawna Treibicz and Charlotte Odele and was broadcast over the CBC program, Open Circuit, last October.

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UNVEILINGS

Segal — The family of the late **Simon [Sam] Segal** wishes to inform relatives and friends of the unveiling to take place at the Mount Sinai Memorial Park — Wilson Avenue, east of Keele. Canadian Hebrew Benevolent Society section, Sunday, June 6 at 11:00 a.m.

The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late **Lily Lenchner** (nee Wagner) wife of the late Louis Lenchner, will take place on Sunday, May 30

Employee relations said crucial in family-run business

This is one of a series of monthly columns exploring the family business by JEROME SILVERBERG, a chartered accountant and management consultant. Your comments and queries are welcome.

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Family business is very much a people business. Nowhere is this more evident than in the relationship of the family business owner with his or her employees. The family business owner takes a very paternalistic attitude towards employees.

The family business is often composed of many employees who have grown old with the business. Nobody likes to fire someone, least of all the family business owner. The owner is often looked upon as not only an employer, but a trusted friend.

The paradox is that while job security is given a high priority in the family business, job mobility is not. The ranks of management are opened only by right of birth.

Companies have gone bankrupt because their owners mistakenly assumed that competence in business is a trait that is inherited by sons, daughters, and other family members. Business competence is not inherited — it is learned. It is learned by example, and it is a slow and sometimes painful process. A father's 30 years of business experience is not magically transferred to a son who has been in the business three years.

No business owner can be faulted for allowing some measure of bias to creep into the judgment of employees. It is only natural for the owner to want to see other members of his family assume responsible positions in the company. The simple fact is, it is the rare family that always has all the resources within its flock that are necessary to effectively manage the business. A family member just isn't always ready or willing or able to accept the responsibilities that are often thrust upon him.

When the best interests of the family are put ahead of the best interests of the business, the business suffers. When the business suffers, everybody suffers.

Obviously, a family member as an employee answers to a most powerful motivating force — the desire for perpetuation and ownership of the family business. However, this is not to say that a non-family member cannot be motivated to be a capable and conscientious decision maker.

Salary is a powerful motivator. Incentive bonuses and profit-sharing work wonders with non-family employees.

In fact, money is often a far better motivator than ownership, since private company stock is difficult to value and even more difficult to turn into cash.

Pride in accomplishment is also a powerful motivator. Take any employee, be he family member or not, and put him in a position where he can be allowed to realize his true and full potential, and you will create an atmosphere where loyal, trustworthy, and competent workers will emerge. **Good help is not hard to find, it is hard to keep.**

It is said that in the family business, all employees are not created equal. Some are judged by the length of time they've been with the company, some are judged by how much money they have to invest in the company, some are judged by who their parents are, but too few are judged solely on the basis of their competence. The result is that many family-businesses are burdened with employees who take out far more in terms of salaries and expense accounts than they put in — in terms of contribution to profit.

Employees are any company's greatest asset. When those employees are judged with emotion rather than fact, the value of that asset, and the value of the company are severely diminished.

Computers can advise on tax planning

TORONTO —

Technological innovations in the computer world over the past several years have resulted in a dramatic increase in the acquisition and utilization of computer equipment by public accounting firms in Canada.

One firm that has become deeply involved in the employment of such equipment is Soberman, Isenbaum & Colomby. The firm's computer services division specialist, Geoffrey Belchez, believes that "up until now, computers have generally been utilized either by small firms, which have usually used them to provide what is essentially a bookkeeping service to clients, or very large firms which have acquired main-frame computers for a variety of uses.

"However, we are one of the few medium-sized firms to have made a heavy commitment to introducing the potential benefits of computers to all aspects of our practice," he added.

The firm presently owns an Apple III computer and is on-line to a service bureau, both of which have been used since last year to assist clients mainly in budgeting and financial forecasting. However, the firm complemented its computer hardware this year with the addition of a Digital PDP 11/23 computer which can be used to provide complete accounting, bookkeeping and financial statement preparation.

According to Belchez, "traditional accounting application is just one of the many potential applications of the computer, and we are particularly excited about the ways in which our computer equipment and knowledge can assist management to make business decisions and monitor the results of such decisions."

Another area in which the 80-member firm believes computers can provide valuable assistance to its clients is in advising them on tax. According to Michael Atlas, the partner in charge of the taxation services division, "everyone knows that computers can assist in the preparation of tax returns; however, what we are talking about here is utilization of computers to assist in tax planning.

"Most people," he continued, "are not aware of how many tax planning problems can be tackled effectively by using a computer. For example, decisions relating to investments in tax shelters, distribution of corporate surplus to pay off home mortgages and cashing in tax-deferred investment can be made more intelligently with the aid of computers.

"One reason for this is the fact that with the high interest rates that Canadians have experienced in the past several years it is important that appropriate attention is paid to the **timing** of tax and other payments that would be entailed in any tax planning strategy, and not just the amounts of such payments."

Atlas says that without the assistance of the computer "many tax advisers might shy away from the complex and time-consuming calculations and utilization of present value tables that might really be necessary to evaluate any given situation and resort to making decisions partly based on gut feel. The addition of the computer with its ability to compute present values gives us a valuable tool with which we may be able to more accurately assess the implications of different courses of action."

UJWF's Update 82 seminar to focus on tax changes in federal budget

TORONTO —

Update 82, a continuation of the series of annual seminars for lawyers, accountants and life underwriters, will take place on Wednesday, June 2 at Beth Emeth-Bais Yehuda Synagogue, beginning at 9 a.m.

Sponsored by the Professional Advisory Committee of the United Jewish Welfare Fund Endowment Fund, this year's program will deal primarily with the complexities of tax changes in the new federal budget and other areas related to responsible financial planning in an inflationary, uncertain economy.

The morning portion of the program features four speakers: S. Richard Gordon, whose topic is "Coping with inflation in life insurance and annuity planning;" Michael I. Atlas, will speak on "Structuring and Restructuring Corporate Activities in Light of Proposed Tax Changes;" Neil Harris will deal with "Tax Planning for Personal and Business Affairs in Light of the Proposed Budget;" and Perry Truster, who will discuss "Planning for Real Estate Transactions in Light of the Budget Amendments."

Following lunch, Philip F. Vineberg will focus on "Estate Planning and Its Pitfalls," after which there will be a question and answer period.

The seminar has received accreditation from the Ontario Institute of Chartered Accountants. An application has been submitted to the Law Society of Upper Canada requesting approval for an applicable number of credits under the Preferred Areas of Practice Plan, for Update 82. The Society had approved credits for Update seminars of 80 and 81.

Cost for the day, including lunch, is $90. For reservations, call 977-3811, extension 138.

Premier William Davis to officiate at launching of Concorde Place

TORONTO —

Ontario Premier William Davis will officiate at a special ceremony this week to launch Concorde Place, a 33-acre residential and commercial development on Wynford Drive [just east of the Don Valley Parkway]. Principals of Concorde Square Limited, are developers, Albert J. Latner and Louis Charles.

Other special guests scheduled for the opening are Metropolitan Toronto chairman Paul Godfrey, North York Mayor Mel Lastman and Gordon T. Ormston, senior vice-president of Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce.

A hermetically sealed metal time capsule containing information on the development and reflections of the life and times of today's residents of Metro Toronto will be placed into a special pillar and sealed behind a glass window. This pillar will be preserved within the entrance waterfall feature of Concorde Place.

Items for the capsule have been provided by Toronto's major newspapers, the province of Ontario, Metropolitan Toronto, the city of North York and the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce.

According to the owners, Concorde Place will be Toronto's largest commercial and residential centre, offering over 1,000 condominiums and up to a million square feet of office space. Set in an attractively landscaped park land, the half-billion dollar complex will offer recreational facilities, banks and restaurants. Occupancy is set for the fall of 1983.

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By GARY COHEN

KITCHENER, Ont. —

Joseph Sisco, former United States assistant secretary for Near Eastern and South Asian affairs, told an audience at the Beth Jacob Congregation here last week that he has "cautious optimism" about the chances for stability and peace in the Middle East.

But, he warned, it will take wisdom and prudence to defuse what is still a volatile, "delicate" situation.

Dr. Sisco's speech marked the kickoff for the 1982 United Israel Appeal fund raising drive for the Kitchener-Waterloo area and he shared the dais with UIA chairper-

"Glorious sound..."

TORONTO —

"Glorious sound from Mehta, Israel Philharmonic," said the headline on the Globe and Mail review of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra's concert here last Saturday evening. Said The Star: "Mintz and Mehta make a powerful pair." [Zubin Mehta was the conductor and violinist Shlomo Mintz was guest sololst.]

The IPI, in a Canadian tour [Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal] under auspices of the Canada-Israel Cultural Foundation, scored a smash hit in all three cities.

The Star, noting that the orchestra has been in Canada three times in the past seven years, said it "continues to be among our most welcome visitors."

The Globe said the orchestra "made a glorious, balanced sound" and that in accompanying Mintz, the combination of orchestra and violinist "resulted in a performance in a million."

As the IPI concerts were all held past The CJN's deadline, a more comprehensive review will appear in the next issue.